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LIVING RESEARCH

Day1: Watershed creates residential learning community for freshmen.

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A photograph of several students standing in a line, holding a thick white rope. The students are wearing casual clothing like sweaters and jeans. The rope is held taut between them, creating a series of connected loops. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the students and the rope.

DISTINCTIVE HOPE

ROPE OF HOPE

Faith and community find expression in many ways at Hope, not least of all together as students journey alongside one another and faculty and staff as they grow into a fuller understanding of what they believe and how it will guide their lives. At the school year's final Gathering worship service each April, the connection — to one another, to a faith tradition that spans millennia — is symbolized by the "Rope of Hope," a tangible reminder to the seniors whose time at the college will soon end of learning and ties that will endure long after graduation.

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ON THE COVER

Junior Abigail Jeavons of Shelbyville, Indiana, collects a sample from Upper Macatawa River alongside participants in Day1: Watershed, a residence hall-based program through which first-year students conduct original research from, as the name says, day one on campus (and even a little before, since they begin a week before classes start).

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, the annual phenomenon known as “March Madness” is in full swing. This year, Hope College caught a bit of the madness, with both our men’s and women’s basketball teams advancing to the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Division III tournament.



No matter what their sport, Hope’s student-athletes reflect all the hallmarks of a successful athletic program: courage and tenacity, commitment and drive, and, of course, competitive spirit. But, March Madness looks a little different at Hope, where our Christian culture encourages good sportsmanship and shapes the priorities of our athletes and coaches.

On March 16, *Christianity Today* ran the online article, “How Christians Do March Madness,” written by Dr. Chad Carlson ’03, junior varsity basketball coach and kinesiology faculty member at Hope. The article discusses the theological implications of competition, specifically the Hope-Calvin rivalry, among Christians. That topic is explored in this issue as we hear how our coaches and students relate athletics to their faith.

By providing a transformational education that nourishes body, mind and spirit, Hope inspires students to follow their passions with character and integrity. We even see that played out in the professional life of DJ Reyburn ’99, whose passion for athletics has turned him into a Major League Baseball umpire.

Creating passion is certainly not limited to athletics, as shown in this issue’s feature on the new Day1 program. Here, enthusiasm for scientific research starts on day one as students experience the exceptional collaborative-research model that has served Hope College well for generations. Elsewhere in these pages you will read about students whose passion is fueled by the chance to work with professionals in their field, such as those working on a television program to be seen across the nation.

As we prepare to congratulate the members of the Class of 2017 on a job well done, we trust that their passion for Christ, for learning, and for Hope College will continue to grow.

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Knapp'.

John C. Knapp, Ph.D.
President & Professor



QUOTE UNQUOTE



QUOTE, UNQUOTE IS AN ECLECTIC
SAMPLING OF THINGS SAID AT AND
ABOUT HOPE COLLEGE.

Drawing on his own experiences, Julian Hinson '10 outlined three levels of engagement for his audience to follow in living into the message of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Hinson delivered the address “Dismantling Injustice: Creating a New Legacy for a Better Future” as the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Civil Rights Lecture at Hope on Monday, Jan. 16.

Hinson today is a fourth-year medical student at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, where he pursues a passion for bridging the divides that contribute to ongoing health disparities. He noted, though, that his path was less certain when he graduated from Hope.

He had no definite plans, and returned home feeling the weight of what seemed like failure. “Let me add to that another stressor: you’re black,” he said. “So now you’re additionally thinking about the fact that, ‘Oh My Gosh, am I failing my race, am I failing to achieve the goals that Dr. King set before me?’”

Fortuitously, a friend encouraged him to attend an event organized by Martina’s Table, which brings people together to solve social problems. He met a variety of community members there, including a woman who had marched with King.

“So, I had the rare chance to take all of my stresses, all of my fears, all of my anxieties about my race and what I would do with my future, uncertainties, and throw one question at her. I did: ‘Mrs. Watson, do I as a young black man have a responsibility to my people?’ Her answer was quick as a whip,” Hinson recalled. “She said, ‘No, young man. We fought and marched so that you would have the freedom to do your best.’”

“These are words that gnaw at me to this day, because they are a gift. They’re like a scholarship with no GPA requirement. They

are free: ‘I did so you could just do your best.’ This is like the gift of Christ: ‘Here: salvation. Nothing on you.’ ‘Here’s life, you may have it more abundantly. Nothing on you.’ This for me was — I could barely fathom this.

“And the reality is that this is Dr. Martin Luther King, Level One: ‘You have the freedom to do your best,’” Hinson said.

Hinson went on to Meharry, but he noted that he also found himself called by the times, deeply troubled by events such as the killing of Trayvon Martin in 2012 and Jamar Clark a few years later in his hometown of Minneapolis. He wrestled with how to respond, particularly as others participated in protests. Should he, he wondered to a friend, be joining them?

“He told me, ‘You keep asking if you should go, if you should have gone, if you must go. You should have been asking, “Can I go? How can I help?”’” Hinson recalled.

“Guys, this is Level Two: Ask a different question. ‘How can I help?’ ‘What can I do?’” Hinson said.

The answer, he said, doesn’t necessarily mean protesting, but it does mean reflecting honestly about how one’s gifts might best serve.

For the third level, he harkened to King’s address “The Mountaintop.” He recalled how King shared the Parable of the Good Samaritan and the passersby who questioned whether or not to become involved.

“This is Level Three, where Dr. King outlines that basic idea that the ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in times of comfort and convenience, but rather where he stands in times of challenge and controversy,” Hinson said. “He will risk his prestige, his position and even his life to walk the narrow walkways and haggard pathways to lift some bruised and beaten brother to a more normal life.”



BACCALAUREATE AND COMMENCEMENT WILL BE SUNDAY, MAY 7

The college's 152nd Commencement, celebrating the graduating Class of 2017, will be held on Sunday, May 7, at 3 p.m. at Ray and Sue Smith Stadium. Baccalaureate will be held earlier in the day, at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

Approximately 750 graduating seniors will be participating.

The Commencement speaker will be Dr. Chuck Green, professor of psychology and former director of the Phelps Scholars Program. The Baccalaureate speaker will be Sandra Gaddy, who is chief executive officer of the Women's Resource Center of Grand Rapids, Michigan, as well as a member of the college's Board of Trustees and co-chair with her husband, Arlen, of the Hope Parents' Council.

In the event of rain, Commencement will be held at the Richard and Helen DeVos Fieldhouse. Admission to Baccalaureate, and to Commencement if indoors, is by ticket only.

 hope.edu/commencement

JACK H. MILLER CENTER FOR MUSICAL ARTS EARNS LEED SILVER CERTIFICATION

The Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts has earned LEED Silver certification, a result of the college's ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship.

Home to the Department of Music, the Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts opened in 2015 and is the first building at Hope to earn LEED certification. It achieved LEED Silver for implementing practical and measurable strategies and solutions aimed at achieving high performance in sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.

And although the center is the first at Hope to earn LEED certification, it likely won't be the only one for long. The college will also seek certification for the Jim and Martie Bultman Student Center, which is currently under construction and scheduled to open in the fall.



STUDENTS AGAIN MAKE MARATHON EFFORT "FOR THE KIDS"

The annual student-organized Dance Marathon is best understood not as a conclusion but a culmination. The 24-hour event provides a celebratory punctuation to months of fund-raising and relationship-building that are centered on making a difference to young patients served by Helen DeVos Children's Hospital of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

A record number of students, more than 1,000, participated this year. The marathon raised \$275,574.18, setting a record for the fifth consecutive year and bringing the event's 18-year total to more than \$2 million.

A gallery of images from this year's marathon, held on Friday-Saturday, March 10-11, is online.

 hope.edu/dmphotos2017



FROM BLOGS.HOPE.EDU

“I’m very glad I’m here with these students — and they are all wonderful — to help them step back and process and talk about what is going on here. We have conservatives and liberals living under one roof this spring term, yet we are having good, difficult conversations together.”

– Dr. Virginia Beard, associate professor of political science and director of the 2017 Washington Honors Semester program.

Later in this issue, *News from Hope College* examines how the athletic program at the college is intentional in considering how one can oppose others and yet still be mindful that all are children of God and merit regard accordingly. It’s a lesson writ college-wide, as reflected in *Stories of Hope*, which shortly after the inauguration explored how the students in Hope’s Washington Honors Semester are learning and modeling how to navigate challenging political times with a spirit of grace.

Stories of Hope is one of three dozen blogs on the college’s vibrant blog network, which shares accounts written by students, faculty or staff highlighting scholarship, off-campus study, individual academic and co-curricular programs, alumni activities and achievements — and more.

 blogs.hope.edu/stories-of-hope

WINTER SPORTS REPORT

A first-time national award recipient and four NCAA Championship appearances were among the highlights for the Hope College winter sports teams.

Men’s basketball All-American and MIAA Most Valuable Player Harrison Blackledge, pictured with his family, was named Hope’s first Jostens Trophy scholar-athlete winner after leading the Flying Dutchmen to a sectional semifinal in the NCAA Tournament and a regular-season MIAA title.

The Flying Dutch women’s basketball team also advanced to the sectional round, upsetting unbeaten and 2016 national champion Thomas More on its court during the second round.

Diver Jean Luc Miralda and 3,000-meter indoor track and field runner Erin Herrmann also qualified as individuals to compete at NCAA Championship events.

A total of 22 Hope student-athletes received All-MIAA honors between men’s and women’s basketball, swimming and diving, and indoor track and field.

Learn more about the season on the Hope Athletics website.

 hope.edu/athletics



PURPLE GAMES SUPPORT CANCER RESEARCH

Hope’s vaunted athletic spirit carries through with equal devotion to causes beyond the playing field, with the college raising more than \$8,691.89 for the Van Andel Institute of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and its fight against cancer and neurodegenerative diseases at its Purple Community basketball games.

All proceeds from the men’s and women’s Purple Community varsity and junior varsity games at the DeVos Fieldhouse on Saturday, Jan. 28, went to the Van Andel Institute. The Hope players also wore jerseys featuring the names of family or friends who experienced cancer or other health challenges, and members of the audience wore purple t-shirts commemorating the event and cause.

The funds raised will also support a summer internship for a Hope student to perform research in a Van Andel Institute laboratory. Hope has selected junior Philip Versluis, a biochemistry and molecular biology major from Grand Rapids, to be this summer’s intern.

SANDRA VISSER NAMED DEAN FOR ARTS/HUMANITIES

Dr. Sandra L. Visser, an experienced administrator and longtime member of the faculty at Valparaiso University, has been named dean for the arts and humanities.

Visser, who has also been appointed a professor of philosophy, is currently associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and a professor of philosophy at Valparaiso. She will begin in her new role at Hope on July 1.

She has been a member of the Valparaiso faculty since 1997. Her service to Valparaiso has also included chairing the Department of Philosophy and serving on numerous university committees as well as on the Faculty Senate.

Her scholarly specialization is in metaphysics; the philosophy of religion; and Saint Anselm, a philosopher and theologian who was archbishop of Canterbury from 1093 until his death in 1109. Her additional areas of teaching emphasis include logic, the philosophy of language, epistemology and military ethics.

Visser is co-author, with Thomas Williams, of the book *Anselm*. She is also the author of several book chapters, scholarly articles and book reviews, and has presented numerous scholarly papers at professional conferences and as a guest lecturer. She has served as a referee for several publishers and academic journals, including Oxford University Press and Cambridge University Press.



THE COUNCIL OF
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NATIONAL NETVUE CONSORTIUM OFFICE MOVING TO HOPE

Dr. David S. Cunningham, professor of religion and director of the CrossRoads Project, has been named director of the Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE).

In conjunction with his appointment, the national NetVUE office will move from Calvin College to Hope this summer. Cunningham, who will remain a member of the Hope religion faculty, will begin in his new role on September 1.

NetVUE is a nationwide, campus-supported network of more than 220 colleges and universities that fosters the intellectual and theological exploration of vocation among undergraduate students. The organization, which Cunningham helped to launch in 2009, is an initiative of the Council of Independent Colleges and the Lilly Endowment Inc.



COOK VILLAGE STUDENT HOUSING BEING EXPANDED

Hope is adding two more townhouse-style apartments to its Cook Village student housing, with completion scheduled for the start of the fall 2017 semester.

The two buildings, which will each house eight students, are being built immediately east of the existing complex, which stands in a "U" along Lincoln Avenue and 11th and 12th streets. The total cost will be approximately \$1.8 million.

The new structures will be smaller than the other units to provide both a different option for groups of students hoping to live together and a transition to the adjacent residential neighborhood. Totalling about 3,800 square feet each, they will feature brick like the other buildings in the complex and a similar architectural style.

The village's original four buildings opened in the fall of 2013 and house a total of 60 students. Two are duplexes housing 10 students on each side, and two are single structures housing 10 students each.

HOPE IN PICTURES

Please visit the college online to enjoy extensive photo galleries organized by topic and chronicling a variety of events in the life of Hope.

Pictured is this year's Musical Showcase, the 29th annual, held on Friday, Feb. 3, in the Concert Hall of the Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts. As reflected by its name, the fast-paced concert features the breadth and depth of the Department of Music, offering everything from opera to jazz.

 hope.edu/photos





Sport AND *Religion:*

WHAT GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER?

By Eva Dean Folkert '83



In America — with its foundational tenet of religious freedom and expression and with its fanatical devotion to sport participation and consumption — a prominent and perplexing marriage weds fierce competition and sincere faith on our playing fields, televisions, and newsfeeds. In kneeling Tim Tebow and post-game-midfield prayers, in evangelistic Athletes in Action and in a no-Sunday play policy for Hope College's 22 intercollegiate teams, the social institutions of sport and religion seem to walk hand-in-hand down the aisle of American life on a regular basis, joined together at the hip and in seeming lock step to help their followers build character and faith.

Yet, upon further review, examples abound when these two devoted partners can appear to be strange bedfellows at best. Turn on ESPN's SportsCenter almost any day of the week to find the country's newest sporting controversy simply not jiving with ethical behavior, let alone Christian principles. Sport-and-religion compatibility is questioned when competitive priorities overpower moral sensibilities.

So, why do we even combine the practices of sport and religion in the first place? (And when we talk about sport and religion, let's be honest, we are usually exclusively thinking about sport and Christianity.) Why are Christian athletes more vocal about this combination than those from other major religions? And what does this all look like and are there lessons to learn at Hope College, a vibrantly Christian school with an excellent athletic program?

At first blush, it makes sense that sport and religion would be attracted to each other. When juxtaposed, they seem to be more the same than they are different, their relationship so seamless and symbiotic that even eHarmony would deem them to be good mates.

To wit, renowned American sport sociologist Jay Coakley surmises in his seminal text, *Sports in Society*: Sport and religion both have places for communal gatherings and special events; both have procedures and dramas linked to personal betterment; both emerge out of the same quest for the perfection of the body, mind, and spirit; both have heroes and legends; both can evoke intense excitement and emotional commitment; and, both can give deep personal meaning.

"Historically, sport and religion have been good for each other in ways that we can quantify," adds Dr. Chad Carlson '03, associate professor of kinesiology. "Christianity has used sport for its purposes — increasing followers, increasing visibility through the mainstream media — and sport has used Christianity for enhancing the meaning behind participation, as a way of creating solidarity and unity on teams, as a way of providing comfort and peace amongst all of the uncertainty of sport. So they've used each other and that's why their relationship seems so close and obvious."

Skeptics, though, like to trot out the obvious disconnect between sport and religion when humility succumbs to pride, when an opponent is viewed as a hated enemy rather than an equally loved child of God, when competition casts dark shade over compassion, and when the "me-before-you" refrain strikes a selfish discord. Even Jesus said, "the first shall be last and the last shall be first." There may be no greater dissonance for a Christian competitor than that.

Or, maybe not.

"I don't want to get rid of this whole project of Christians playing sport just because we sin or just because our emotions get the best of us from time to time. That happens in every area of our lives," reasons Carlson, whose research on sport and religion with colleagues at rival Calvin College can be viewed as the epitome of cooperation between sport and religion.

"By focusing on God, we want to play with principles that are compatible with our faith. Yes, we want to win at Hope, but we are going to strive to do so in a manner that would make God happy. And really, that has nothing to do with winning. That has to do with focusing on our own hearts and how we are growing in the process."

Admittedly, scoring that kind of affirming, faith-based goal in educational athletics is not a one-off. It takes daily lessons to teach and encourage college student-athletes to play their sport in a manner that is representative of Hope's — and their own — Christian mission. No doubt, the many Bible studies and corporate prayers that are Hope team norms touch hearts and minds to play like and for Jesus. But intentional life coaching reinforces values reflective of "doing it the right way, carrying ourselves on the field the right way," says Dr. Leigh Sears, head coach of the women's soccer team. "The women on my teams know that as Christians, they can play really, really hard and still be super respectful of their opponents as well."

AND WHAT DOES THIS ALL LOOK
LIKE AND ARE THERE LESSONS
TO LEARN AT HOPE COLLEGE, A
VIBRANTLY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL WITH
AN EXCELLENT ATHLETIC PROGRAM?

To that end, Sears and her captains have planted and grown a team culture that revolves around an ethos of both self-improvement and servanthood, backed up by biblical scripture. Together, coach and student-athletes have thoughtfully implemented several team themes over the years — Team Over Self, Actions Over Emotions, Positive Attitude, Work Hard, and Team of Grace — making their message as applicable to three months' worth of practices and games as everyday life, even beyond the college years. Win or lose, Sears — a kinesiology faculty member whose teaching specialty is human nutrition — makes sure her players view victory and defeat on the field and off in the healthiest way possible.

"Whether we win or we lose, we should still be the same people," says Sears whose teams do more of the former than the latter, having a 48-11-7 record and two NCAA tournament appearance in the last three years. "When we shake hands (after winning a game), we really want to shake hands, and we want to look our opponents in the eye and say 'good game' like we mean it."

And if they lose?

"Same rules apply. We congratulate our opponent, and life goes on. Our puppy did not just get killed in a parking lot," she says in her typically colorful way. "By the grace of God, we'll all get to wake up and play tomorrow."

Her point: Sport may be vulnerable to 50-50 outcomes, much like anything else in life, but student-athletes' reactions to those outcomes — be they agreements or differences, successes or frustrations — should embody a doctrine of merciful consistency.

And so it goes for each of Hope's 15 other head coaches, too. Competition and faith in perspective. As much as all of Hope's intercollegiate teams want to win an MIAA championship and advance to NCAA post-season, they realize the real reward is engaging Christian fundamentals and fair-play essentials far beyond the realms of church and win-loss columns. Whether blatantly expressed or softly evident, the teachings of sport and religion insist that their adherents use character-building and faith-filled lessons for the sake of Christ and community, in careers and calling.

THE COLLECTIVE SPORT-AND-RELIGION
DEBATE—CONTENTIOUS AT TIMES,
GRACIOUS AT OTHERS—WINSOMELY
TEACHES ANY HOPE STUDENT-ATHLETE
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ATHLETIC COLLEGIATE YEARS.

“Not many experiences demand the personal introspection, the practiced expression of beliefs and a view of the nature of humanity as the physical, psychological, and emotional strivings toward a common goal (found in both sports and religion),” says Melinda Larson, co-director of athletics and associate professor of kinesiology. “All of these experiences will impact our student-athletes for entire lifetimes.”

We conjecture first, of course, that coaches and administrators are the ones doing most of the teaching on this, that they are the purveyors of profound tutorials to their younger charges at the intersection of faith and competition. “But it is my personal belief that student-athletes' faith can have some of the greatest impact on the lives of their coaches as well,” adds Co-Director of Athletics Tim Schoonveld '96, also the director of academics for Hope's Center for Leadership and an assistant professor of kinesiology. “I know they've had an great impact on me.”

Schoonveld sees it in Isaiah-eque stylings: the lion of sport shall lie down with the lamb of religion, and a small child will lead them. Though no longer small (she stands 5'9") or a child (at 22 years of age), senior soccer and basketball player Elizabeth Perkins is one such Hope student-athlete whose impact extends to those much older, from coaches to athletic directors to even fans in the stands. Her energetic, hard-nosed competitor identity, obvious and respectful, is only surpassed by her committed Christian appellation, also clear and reverent. Admittedly, getting those two priorities to coexist peacefully in one heart was no overnight epiphany but a slow roll toward revelation.

“I identify strongly as an athlete. I became a soccer player before I became anything else,” admits Perkins, a Spanish and psychology double major who plans to attend Truett Theological Seminary in Waco, Texas, after her Hope graduation so she can later pursue a career in sport ministry. “But then as I grew and matured and came to know Jesus, the more I realized where my true identity is supposed to be. There is this large book with 66 other books that is telling me who I am and what that means. That's when (my identity) flipped, it became cross-cultural, and I placed my identity in something that is far less wavering than sport. Now, Jesus takes up most of my heart space but sports are a close second.”

When asked whether the level of accepted behavior for Christians in sport is judged on a higher plane than non-Christians, Perkins, a native of Eaton Rapids, Michigan, is quick to reply with sagacious maturity: “Of course. I believe Christian athletes should be held to a different standard and that standard is Christ. But He is for all Christians, right?”

It's a rhetorical question. She already knows that answer, and it will govern her spirit and future in sport and religion in the years ahead. And it will too for Nick Holt. A sophomore baseball player from Muskegon, Michigan, Holt has the same hopes to influence others' faith and play but as a high school teacher and coach. The lefty pitcher and sometimes centerfielder is athletically and religiously devout, and he spreads the gospel of Abner Doubleday as lovingly as the Gospels of Jesus Christ. Already engaged in youth ministry at a Holland-area church, the warm and engaging Holt believes that being a true follower of both sport and religion is “about having deeper relationships and not just with Christians but those who are not. Being on a team where everyone is at the different place in their faith walk is like the ‘real world,’” says the integrated science education major. “And that is great; I need that. Because otherwise, what's the point? Jesus didn't tell me to go live with my beliefs and abilities away from others. I need to be in this world, wholly in this world, and that includes sports.”

“The really, really important point is that sport is a gift from God but since it's in this world, it is not excluded from our brokenness and our sin,” Perkins adds. “So sport needs to be redeemed, that is the key, so that it does not have to be separated from faith.”

The collective sport-and-religion debate — contentious at times, gracious at others — winsomely teaches any Hope student-athlete who bravely wades into the fray that the lessons divined from putting faith and play in action are applicable to all of life, not just four athletic collegiate years. Despite competitive derision or personal differences, the message combed from the married mesh of competition and faith is one of bilateral inclusivity, not mutual exclusivity, and it looks more like a pretty present than a heavy burden. Because in the end, the story of sport and religion is a redemption story, a tale of rising and falling but getting back up to play and believe again.

*Author Eva Dean Folkert '83 is a regular contributor to **News from Hope College**, but she has also lived the subject of this story directly. She is a former assistant professor of kinesiology and co-director of athletics at Hope, where she has also taught a Senior Seminar entitled *Sport, Society, and the Sacred*.*

The illustrations accompanying this story are watercolors by Bruce McCombs, professor of art.





BOERIGTER INSTITUTE

By Greg Olgers '87

ENHANCE CAREER DISCERNMENT



PREPARATION FOR ALL STUDENTS

A new, college-wide initiative at Hope, the Boerigter Institute, will help ensure that every student is robustly prepared for career success and professional growth. This significant effort is made possible by a major gift from SoundOff Signal in honor of Founder and Chairman George Boerigter '61 and his wife, Sibilla. A task force of Hope faculty and staff is working to develop this new, cross-functional integrated program, bearing the Boerigters' name and scheduled to begin implementation this fall.

The goal of the Boerigter Institute is to transform the college's approach to career preparation with an innovative, comprehensive framework that guides students from their first semester onward in identifying their strengths and interests and engaging them in career planning and experiential learning. It will more closely link multiple departments and programs at the college, and will focus on the needs of every student as they progress through college.

The initiative is building on the college's strong foundation of graduate outcomes. In Hope's most recent graduate survey, 93 percent of the Class of 2016 was in the workforce or in graduate school within six months, with 91 percent of the graduates having participated in experiential learning. With this gift, Hope aims to ensure that all students are guided in recognizing their passions and their gifts, and that opportunities are available for accomplishing those goals.

"Our goal is to integrate career and professional development throughout the entire lifecycle of the student," said President Dr. John C. Knapp. "We will adopt a four-year approach to assure that students can no longer opt out of career development services, but from arrival until graduation will be supported in vocational discernment and practical preparation for lives of purpose."

George Boerigter is the founder and chairman of Hudsonville-based SoundOff Signal. SoundOff Signal provides high-tech safety lighting solutions across the globe. In its 24-year history the company has grown every year — remarkably the company has never had a layoff or work force reduction and is about 30-percent owned by the employees through an ESOP.

The Boerigters have deep Hope College roots. George and his three older brothers all went through Hope. George's father worked as a custodian at the college to help put one of his sons through the college. Two of George and Sibilla's three sons graduated from Hope, as did all three of their daughters-in-law. They've also already had four grandchildren who have either attended or are attending Hope.

George and Sibilla both value their positive college experiences in preparing for their professional lives. George's path after Hope

included graduating with a master's in management from the University of Southern California and a Master of Divinity from Western Theological Seminary. He served 11 years as a pastor in the Reformed Church in America and then worked in leadership and management positions with a variety of companies before becoming a serial entrepreneur. After graduating from college, Sibilla taught English in high school. She left that career to be an at-home mom and active community resource. Only after the boys started college did she again enter the work force. She was the first director of Hospice of Holland.

"Education is practical as well as intellectual, and I love the concept of putting the two together — having students find out what they love, what they're passionate about, and helping them attain their goals," Sibilla said.

George noted that he especially appreciates the emphasis of schools like Hope, where faculty and staff are deeply invested in the development of their students.

"We are committed to Hope College because we believe that Hope offers every student the unique experience of being instructed and guided by passionate faculty who care about their students and will do whatever they can to help students accomplish their goals," he said.

The Boerigter Institute will support the goals of the college's strategic plan, *Hope for the World: 2025*, which includes engaging every student "in a holistically formative education, distinguished by its combination of academic rigor, intimate learning environment and experiential relevance, developed and delivered by nationally recognized teacher-scholars."

With the Boerigter Institute in place, Hope will extend career development responsibility beyond the walls of the Career Development Center to academic advising, alumni engagement, off-campus programs, experiential learning opportunities and other facets of the student experience that may be linked more closely with the academic program. In doing so, Hope will expand its range of internship opportunities, which currently include hundreds of internships not only in West Michigan but through off-campus programs, and strengthen its network of potential employers for graduates.

"Under the auspices of the institute, we will engage alumni as partners with students and their parents, opening the doors to internships and employment," President Knapp said. "We'll be working with our alumni in new ways to make sure that they become an even stronger network providing our students opportunities both in college and after college."

HANDS-ON LEARNING FROM DAY 1 AND BEYOND

By Chris Lewis '09



As Eleda Plouch, a freshman from Greenfield, Indiana, prepared for her first semester of college last summer, various thoughts raced through her mind. Would she enjoy her classes? How would she deal with the stress of schoolwork? And would she find a core group of friends?

Those concerns all dissipated though, as soon as she began her first week of Day1: Watershed, which engages incoming freshmen in authentic research activities throughout the entire academic year as part of their first-year coursework — even before their traditional classes begin in August.

The program is modeled after Hope's Phelps Scholars Program, in which all participants live together in the same residential hall, as Day1: Watershed students move into Lichty Hall one week before most other freshmen arrive on campus for Orientation Weekend. The resulting inclusive community — which encourages collaboration and nurtures friendships among a diverse group of students — is also immediately involved with one of Hope's most well-known traditions, collaborative student-faculty research, as they work alongside program co-leaders Dr. Aaron Best, who is the Harrison C. and Mary L. Visscher Professor of Genetics, and Dr. Brent Krueger, professor of chemistry and Schaap Research Fellow, to conduct research on Holland's Lake Macatawa watershed.

"Students' Day1: Watershed experience begins with a pre-college immersion experience, as they kayak the watershed, collect samples from it and then process the samples in a lab," Best says. "By the end of their first week, they already have a support group of peers with common interests, and they know their way around campus before most other freshmen. Not to mention, they've also seen a preview of the kind of research they'll be conducting during the year."

For more than 15 years, Hope faculty members have collaborated with students to conduct research on the Lake Macatawa watershed, which is polluted with several nutrients (primarily due to agricultural runoff), resulting in the growth of algae and other organisms that have negatively affected wildlife. To help remediate these issues — by creating restoration sites that can potentially prevent the runoff — a local community initiative, known as Project Clarity, was established in November 2012. Two years later, Hope received a \$3 million grant from The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation of Midland, Michigan, which was used to create the Day1: Watershed program.

Since the program's founding in August 2015, student participants have gathered and analyzed water samples from several sites throughout the watershed to determine whether or not the restoration sites have reduced pollutants. Working alongside Best, students have also been chronicling multiple strains of *E. coli* present in the watershed. Typically, *E. coli* is associated with host gut environments, but many of the strains from the watershed are actually unassociated with fecal contamination. In addition, microbes, discovered alongside the *E. coli* strains, have also been studied to see if there is a connection between them. The research, funded by a National Science Foundation grant since August 2016, is expected to add 750 new genome sequences to public databases that can be used by researchers worldwide.





“All Day1 programs — Watershed, along with four others [EDGE, Great Lakes, Michigan Rocks and Phage Discovery] that are currently offered — give students a chance to actively participate in doing science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), rather than just learn about them,” says Dr. Catherine Mader, professor of physics and director of the Day1 initiative. “From their very first day on campus, they’re able to do the types of activities a professional in the field would do. By developing these skills, they’re not only prepared for subsequent STEM courses, but also for future research and career opportunities in STEM.”

As a result of the Dow Foundation grant, the Day1: Watershed program is also able to fund experiential learning opportunities that occur during the summer after students’ freshman year. So far, some students have chosen to participate in off-campus opportunities in Tanzania and the Bahamas (through Biology and Geology May Term courses), while others have conducted research with faculty members. Ashley Trojniak, a sophomore from Sterling Heights, Michigan, who participated in the Day1: Watershed program during the 2015-2016 academic year, was among those who decided to conduct research last summer.

“Because real-world experience is the best way to try new things, the Watershed program has been helpful in shaping how I view research as a career,” Trojniak states. “The program, along with last summer’s research, has given me the chance to see what it’s like to conduct research firsthand.”

By personally collecting samples from the watershed, conducting hands-on, authentic research as part of her first-year coursework, and then personally witnessing the links between bacteria and physical changes in the watershed, Eleda Plouch has found her career path solidified as well.

“Before I began research last summer, I wasn’t sure what I wanted to do,” Plouch explains. “But now, after experiencing field research and lab analysis, I plan to begin a career in research after graduating from Hope. And the Day1: Watershed program has been instrumental in this decision.”

Meanwhile, although current participant Zachary Snoek, a freshman from Holland, Michigan, never planned to pursue a science major, he found the Day1: Watershed course description very compelling, so he chose to sign up. As a result, his knowledge of — and respect for — the watershed, the microbial world and natural sciences, on a whole, has increased considerably the last few months.

“I recommend the program to all students, even if they don’t plan to major in a STEM field,” Snoek says. “It may not have affected my long-term academic plans, but it has provided a wide base of knowledge that I will continue to use for the rest of my life.”

Please visit the college online to learn more about all of Hope’s Day1 research communities.

 hope.edu/day1

A photograph of two young women in red kayaks on a river. The woman on the right is wearing a black and yellow life vest and sunglasses, smiling broadly while holding a yellow paddle. The woman on the left is wearing a red life vest and is also smiling. The background shows lush green trees along the riverbank.

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ELEDA PLOUCH (pictured at right)



More than Entertainment

The student-organized Hope College Concert Series books leading-edge performers (with credits ranging from Coachella to NPR to performing with Elton John) who electrify their audiences — and what happens on stage is only the beginning. Its heart lies in post-show “talk-backs,” master classes, meals with the artists and their crews, and meaningful exploration with them of ideas and themes that connect to faith and all of life.





Clockwise from top left are some of the performers featured in 2016: Eryn Allen Kane, John Mark McMillan, Ra Ra Riot, Gallant, All Sons and Daughters, and Wild Child.





LIVING HISTORY, ACTIVE LEARNING

By Greg Chandler

Picture Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and George Washington on the Hope campus, more than two centuries removed from the creation of the United States Constitution, discussing the story of how the document that has guided the nation throughout its history came to be.

That's what happened as Hope's DeWitt Center main theatre was the setting for the taping of the second episode of *Inventing America: Conversations with the Founders*, a series of programs created for public television by Emmy Award-winning documentary writer and Hope graduate Milton Nieuwsma '63.

Several Hope students had the opportunity to assist in production of the episode, subtitled "Making a Nation: The Untold Story of the United States Constitution." The students joined several Hope faculty members, actors portraying the Founding Fathers and a production team from WGVU-TV, the public television station in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in putting together the program. The episode is scheduled to air this summer and fall.

For assistant stage manager Makeya Royer, a Hope freshman from Framingham, Massachusetts, the filming offered an opportunity she could not have imagined a year ago.

"I was assistant stage manager for *Roustabout* [a Hope theatre production last fall] and it was a really exciting experience for me," Royer said. "When I saw our theatre newsletter that was asking for stagehands, I was on board immediately. I just pulled up my e-mail to see if I could do it, because I was so excited for another opportunity to have an experience like this."



Royer, who is considering a future career in theatre or politics, says the experience of being involved in the production will benefit her no matter what career path she chooses.

“Stage-handing *Inventing America* tested my patience, creativity, strength and responsibility,” she said. “I’m glad I did it because I gained technical experience that will benefit me in the future.”

Elizabeth “Izzy” Schonfeld, a junior theatre major from Oxford, Michigan, was a lightboard operator for the production. She says one of the biggest takeaways from her involvement was the difference between television and live theatre production. She adds that Hope as a liberal arts college has afforded her opportunities that she may not have received at a larger school.

“With a smaller community of Hope, we get more of these special opportunities,” Schonfeld said. “I really appreciate that. I would not have the amount of experience with performance and technical theatre that I would have at a bigger university.”

John K.V. Tammi, professor emeritus of theatre at Hope and founding artistic director of the Hope Summer Repertory Theatre, served as director for the production, while Perry Landes, associate professor of theatre, served as lighting and sound designer. Dr. Fred Johnson, associate professor of history at Hope, was the moderator/host for the episode.

The idea for *Inventing America* developed about five years ago, when Nieuwsma was meeting with Chuck Furman, then the program manager at WGVU-TV, to discuss ideas for a program to raise money for the station.

“We were looking at some old episodes for a Steve Allen program called *Meeting of Minds*,” Nieuwsma said. “Chuck said,



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- FRESHMAN MAKEYA ROYER
assistant stage manager for *Inventing America*



‘Why don’t we do something in that format, to tell the story of the American republic?’”

About that time, Nieuwsma had seen a survey of graduating seniors at 55 of the nation’s top colleges conducted by the Roper organization that troubled him greatly. In that survey, three out of four graduates surveyed could not identify James Madison as “the father of the Constitution,” and two out of three could not identify the Constitution as establishing the three executive, legislative and judicial branches of government.

“It was appalling how little the graduates of these schools knew,” Nieuwsma said.

Nieuwsma pitched the concept for *Inventing America* to WGBH, the PBS flagship station in Boston with the idea that an episode could be taped at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. After an initial warm response, a change in the center’s management resulted in that idea fizzling out.

Not long after, though, Dr. Marc Baer, professor emeritus of history and interim dean for the arts and humanities at Hope, suggested Nieuwsma tape the first episode on campus. “It was his influence that got us to move to Hope College and to the DeWitt theatre,” Nieuwsma said.

The initial episode, “Making a Nation: The Untold Story of the Declaration of Independence,” was filmed at DeWitt in December 2014, with an early cut shown at Hope’s Knickerbocker Theatre and on WGVU the following summer. The finished program was featured on PBS stations nationwide last year.

Phil Lane, WGVU’s director of content and director of cinematography on both *Inventing America* episodes, has enjoyed working with the college on the production. “I think it’s a great

collaboration. It’s not only entertaining, but educational, which aligns with WGVU’s mission perfectly,” he said.

Tammi, who taught at Hope from 1968 until retiring in 2014, says that Hope as a liberal arts institution is ideal for a production of this type, and is hopeful it will generate renewed interest in American history.

“If we can generate that kind of interest and inquiry into our history — that’s what I think it’s all about,” he said.

Nieuwsma says that *Inventing America* would not have been possible without the support of longtime friend and fellow Hope graduate Darrel Schregardus ’63 of Davis, California, who served as executive producer for the program and worked on securing underwriting for the project. The two first met in elementary school and then reconnected as students at Hope.

“It wouldn’t have happened without him. It’s been a great retirement gig for us — doing a TV show together,” Nieuwsma quipped.

Inventing America will be offered to public television stations and other non-commercial media outlets, with the two episodes paired together for presentation in early July and the new episode available for airing on or near September 17, the 230th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution. Planning is also in the works for a screening at the college’s Knickerbocker Theatre in late June.



KING OF DIAMONDS

By Eva Dean Folkert '83

IN the time it takes you to read this — just the word “this” — DJ Reyburn ’99 will make up his mind. In fact, in the time it takes you to read this — “this” now being this entire story — DJ Reyburn will make at least another 50 decisions. Ball, strike. Fair, foul. Out, safe. With authority, without hesitation, under intense scrutiny, from behind home plate, major league umpire DJ Reyburn decides and decides and decides.

It’s all in a game’s work for the man in blue and gray with the number 70 on his right shoulder and the Major League Baseball logo emblazoned in white on the front of his navy cap. Over the course of three hours, about the average length of a professional baseball game, Reyburn’s brain gets a vigorous workout. He’ll use his cerebral cortex to access his encyclopedic knowledge of MLB’s rules, and he’ll tax his brain’s lateral frontal pole to multi-task while making around 400 verdicts, probably more. And after each diamond-related day, Reyburn — self-assured, even-tempered, firm but quick to smile — knowingly determines this too: he’s living a dream that few achieve.

That dream — to ballpark-hop across the country to call out or declare safe the likes of Alex Rodriguez, Miguel Cabrera, Mike Trout or Bryce Harper — was first dreamt during one late-night bull session in a dorm room on the third floor of Kollen Hall. A sophomore and a centerfielder on the Hope College baseball team at the time, Reyburn and his roommate, Jay Leitz ’99, “were

sitting around, talking about life and the future and I said, ‘If I could do anything for the rest of my life, I’d want to be a major league umpire,’” recalls Reyburn.

“And I’ll never forget what he said. Jay goes, ‘Oh, that’s attainable. I thought you were going to say you wanted to be an astronaut or something, but you can totally do that.’ And I said, ‘You know what? I can do that. I’m going to give it a shot.’”

And with that, Reyburn made his first major-league decision. He would prepare to climb the moderately wide umpiring ladder that narrows substantially at each rung of ascension. After hitting a homerun for the Flying Dutchmen in his last college at-bat against Alma College in May of 1999 and after graduating with a sociology major in December of 1999, he went straight to umpire academy in Florida in January of 2000, a graduation gift from his parents. Five weeks later, Reyburn was one of 50 to graduate from ump school out of the 250 who enrolled. Seventeen years after that, he is one of three umpires who have made it to MLB from that class. Like minor-leaguers’ long odds of making it to “The Show,” umpires’ chances of getting to the majors similarly hover in single percentage points.

For eight years, Reyburn worked rookie leagues, fall leagues, single to triple A leagues, and winter leagues in the Caribbean. He lived in his parents’ basement in the off-season and substitute-taught near his hometown of DeWitt, Michigan.



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Later, when not working a base, Reyburn worked part-time in the human resources department at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee, where he met and lives now with his wife, Cherie, and their three children, Iris, 8, Maxwell, 5, and Cody, 2.

Finally, a major-league ump got a vacation day (each of the 76 MLB umpires gets four weeks of vacation during the regular season), and Reyburn got the call to move up for his major-league debut in 2008. His memory of that exact date (June 10) and place (Oakland, California) is vivid and lively.

“It’s the Yankees versus the A’s, and I’m assigned to third base, and I still can’t believe I’m finally here,” Reyburn recalls. “When you’re working the minors, you just want to work one major-league game. You just want to get on a big-league field and say you did it. I’m thinking I just have to stand at third, not miss any check swings, get a few fair/foul balls right, and I’ll be okay.”

He would be okay but with more action than that. In the first inning, the mercurial former Yankee Rodriguez, with teammate Bobby Abreu on first base, hit a flair over the A’s shortstop’s head. Abreu unexpectedly motored past second base toward third to stretch out the single as the leftfielder tracked down the ball, eventually throwing it on a rope to the third baseman. Though the throw was a tad high and the tag on Abreu a little awkward, the bang-bang play resulted in a typically split-second decision for the first-day, newly minted MLB ump.

“It was probably the closest call I’ve had in my life — on the fourth hitter of my first major league game,” remembers Reyburn, who actually started working as an umpire at the age of 16 in recreation summer leagues. “I called him (Abreu) out immediately, and I thought, ‘Oh, boy, here we go.’ But nobody said a word. In the minors, there would have been a manager flying from the dugout to argue, but this time it was just another play and everybody went back to doing their jobs.”

Which means Reyburn got the call right as he would many, many more. He would yo-yo between Triple A and the majors for another five years after his 2008 temporary call-ups, replacing other vacationing MLB umpires before getting his permanent assignment for the 2014 season. Now, for seven months a year, Reyburn travels to every major league park in the country, weaving a lengthy national-pastime trail that requires litanies of MLB-arranged flights, rental cars and hotel rooms. While professional baseball players get home stands, professional umpires do not. They are always on the road, which makes those 28 days of vacation during the regular season understandable and necessary. During the off-season, Reyburn is a stay-at-home

dad, relishing time with his young family. His wife is a very understanding woman, he says, who single-parents sacrificially while he works in an action-packed “office” populated by thousands. “But, we also know almost anyone would take my schedule and profession,” he adds.

Stu Fritz, Hope’s baseball coach, calls his former player “a baseball junkie. Umping matches his personality very well. He’s a tenacious, gritty guy who loves the game,” Fritz says who has watched Reyburn umpire in-person every summer he’s been in The Bigs. “His professionalism is sky high, too.”

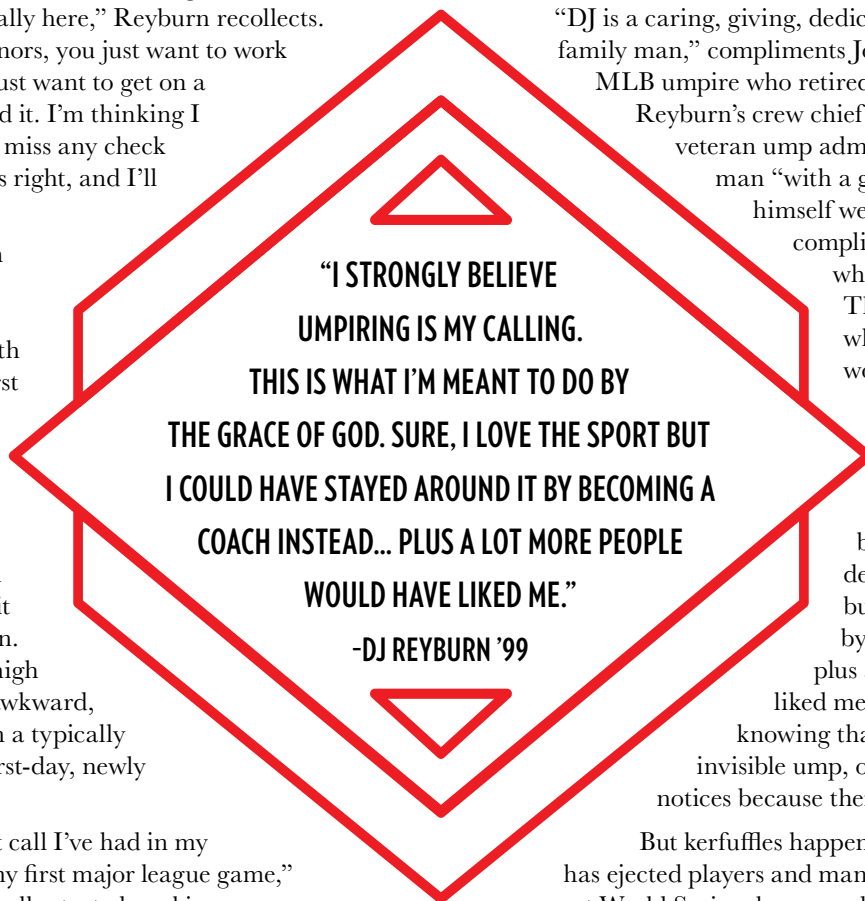
“DJ is a caring, giving, dedicated professional umpire and family man,” compliments John Hirschbeck, a 34-year MLB umpire who retired last year. Hirschbeck was Reyburn’s crew chief from the 2016 season, and the veteran ump admires his young colleague as a man “with a good temperament who handles himself well. For an umpire, the ultimate compliment is to be called a great guy who is fair and busts his tail off. That’s DJ. He cares greatly about what he does and comes ready to work hard every day. Managers and players respect that.”

“I strongly believe umpiring is my calling. This is what I’m meant to do by the grace of God,” Reyburn declares. “Sure, I love the sport but I could have stayed around it by becoming a coach instead... plus a lot more people would have liked me.” He chuckles genuinely, knowing that the best ump is an almost-invisible ump, one a fan or player hardly notices because there’s nothing to protest.

But kerfuffles happen, such as the 21 times Reyburn has ejected players and managers — including a tossing of recent World Series champ and Cubs manager Joe Maddon — for an assortment of baseball-related contentions but mostly about balls and strikes.

“I love the challenge of this work. I think calling balls and strikes is one of the most difficult jobs in officiating,” reasons Reyburn, who was selected to umpire the World Baseball Classic held in South Korea this past March. “I’m drawn to the day-in and day-out of trying not to make a mistake. Even though I know mistakes are going to happen — I am a human, of course — I just enjoy trying to go along as I can without making one.”

So, Daniel James Reyburn will make up his mind again and again, from spring to fall, with few second-guesses or regrets. Now that the 2017 MLB season has just started, so has Reyburn’s umpire’s tan (the fraternal twin to the farmer’s tan) along with his quest to be mistake-free. Those telltale signs — ruddy forearms, a focused mind — are the markings of a man who has worked doggedly to spend his career on fields of dreams.





THE HEART OF HOPE

By Greg Olgers '87

It is a truth universally acknowledged that Hope's faculty make a tremendous difference.

Talk to any alum, no matter the era, and he or she will share stories of a mentor — and usually many — whose enthusiasm, guidance and personal interest, running in tandem of course with their scholarly expertise, were transformative.

The seven faculty retiring at the end of the current school year have been making that difference at Hope for a combined total of 260 years, individually from 17 to 48 years — literally for generations. They've more than earned the next stage in their lives, but they'll be missed.



DR. CHRISTOPHER BARNEY

T. Elliot Weier Professor of Biology

37 years



DR. THOMAS LUDWIG

John Dirk Werkman Professor of Psychology

40 years



DR. ANTHONY PEROVICH

Professor of Philosophy

37 years



DR. JAMES PIERS '69

Professor of Sociology

42 years



DR. MICHAEL SEYMOUR

Professor of Chemistry

39 years



VICKI TENHAKEN '73

Professor of Management; Ruch Director, Baker Scholars

17 years



DR. PETER SCHAKEL

The Peter C. and Emajean Cook Professor of English

48 years

Please visit the college online for
biographical sketches of the retirees
and stories by Eva Dean Folkert '83
featuring interviews with each.

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RISING STAR

FEWER THAN 100 PSYCHOLOGISTS
WORLDWIDE RECEIVE THE HONOR EACH YEAR.

THIS YEAR, ONLY TWO WERE FROM LIBERAL
ARTS COLLEGES, INCLUDING HOPE.



Dr. Daryl Van Tongeren of the psychology faculty has been named a Rising Star in research by the Association for Psychological Science, a recognition most often bestowed on scholars at institutions with graduate-level programs.

The Rising Star designation recognizes outstanding scientists in the earliest stages of their research career post-Ph.D. whose innovative work has already advanced the field and signals great potential for their continued contributions. This year's list includes just 95 researchers from across the United States and around the world.

That Van Tongeren, who joined the faculty in 2012, is among those honored this year doesn't surprise Dr. Scott Vander Stoep '87, who is dean for the social sciences and a professor of psychology at Hope.

"It was immediately clear to us that Daryl was going to be a prodigious scholar. He has experienced unparalleled success as a grant writer and in his research output," Vander Stoep said. "He publishes dozens of articles in refereed journals each year and, most importantly for Hope, he engages our students in much of his research. I've also observed Daryl teach several times and he is as good of a teacher as he is a scholar. And he makes all of these professional contributions with humility and with gratitude for working at a college that allows him to connect his Christian faith with his work life."

Van Tongeren's research focuses on the social motivation for meaning and its relation to virtues and morality. Specifically, he and his students adopt a social-cognitive approach to study

meaning in life, religion and virtues, such as forgiveness and humility. For example, one of his current studies, part of a multi-institutional project, is seeking to understand how natural disasters shape what survivors believe, while another recently focused on the role that the desire for meaning plays in the tension between scientific and religious belief.

"I'm really intrigued by big questions and psychological science's ability to answer some of the biggest and most pressing questions that people face," he said. "In my mind, when people wrestle with the meaning of life, the role of religion and how to treat each other well, those seem like some of the most pressing issues that we face."

An assistant professor of psychology, Van Tongeren has published more than 100 journal articles and academic book chapters. He has received multiple grants for his research from the John Templeton Foundation as well as from the college. In addition, Hope named him a Towsley Research Scholar in 2015 and he received the college's Social Sciences Young Investigators Award in 2014.

He regularly involves students as collaborative researchers in his work, both part-time during the school year and full-time during the summer. Several Hope students are co-authors on his publications, and students he mentored in research have received a regional award for excellence from the Midwestern Chapter of Psi Chi — The International Honor Society in Psychology two years in a row.



WINDOW TO HOPE'S HISTORY

“LET’S MEET IN THE KLETZ”

Among Dutch settlers and their descendants in Holland, the term *kletz* paired with *koffee* meant an informal chance to chat, and so the snack bar that opened in Van Raalte Hall in October 1944 became the “Koffee Kletz.” Even as its menu and full name have evolved (Kletz Snack Bar, Kletz Cafe), the Kletz has been a meaningful part of campus ever since, first in Van Raalte and then in DeWitt. It’ll alight by summer’s end in the new Jim and Martie Bultman Student Center as the Kletz Market, offering updated cuisine — along with the same opportunity as always for good fellowship.



CLASSNOTES!

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Submissions for the Fall 2017 issue are due by June 13, 2017.



Michael Magan '88



Dr. Wendell Wierenga '70

TWO TO RECEIVE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

The Hope College Alumni Association will honor two alumni during the annual Alumni Banquet on Saturday, April 29.

The association will present Distinguished Alumni Awards to **Michael Magan '88** who resides in London, United Kingdom, and is currently the chief operating officer of Momo Group, a global mobile banking and payments startup headquartered in London; and **Dr. Wendell Wierenga '70** of Rancho Santa Fe, California, whose career has been in research, particularly in experimental chemistry research, cancer research and drug development.

The awards recognize the recipients' contributions across decades to society and service to Hope.

Magan has specialized in corporate and inter-governmental relations and has extensive private-sector and senior government experience. In addition to his current role at Momo Group, he has partnered with his wife, Dawn, at Magan Dahlgren Limited, which specializes in corporate affairs, inter-governmental

relations, strategic communications and working with various charities focused on ending the plight of human trafficking. His professional involvement also includes serving as a policy-fellow with the ACU Foundation.

Wierenga retired in 2014 as executive vice president, research and development at Santarus after 40 years with small, medium and large pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. He led or participated in the research and development of more than 16 new drug applications and 16 marketed products. He has authored more than 60 scientific articles and is a primary inventor on 30 patents, and has made numerous presentations regarding his work.

The banquet is scheduled in conjunction with Alumni Weekend (April 28-29). Additional information about the weekend and biographical sketches of both alumni are featured online.

 hope.edu/alumniweekend

40s

Thomas VanDahm '48 had his original composition chosen for publication in the spring issue of *The American Recorder*. The title is "Gugue" and it is for four-part recorder ensembles.

Art Van Eck '48 and **Bea VanHeest '53 Van Eck** were honored at the meeting of board members of the Fife Lake Historical Society for years of dedicated service. In October, they went on a Canadian cruise with three of their children and spouses, one of whom is **Barbara Van Eck '72**.

Marvin Kragt '49 and his wife, Nancy, enjoyed a river cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest in September.

50s

Norma Hoffman '52 Richardson of Mount Pleasant, Michigan, was recognized in November for 50 years as a faculty member at Central Michigan University, where she teaches Spanish. After graduation from Hope, she received her M.A. degree from the University of Iowa, where she was a teaching assistant. She earned an ABD from the University of Wisconsin, where she also served as a teaching assistant. She taught Spanish and English at Central College in Pella, Iowa, prior to receiving her current position at Central Michigan University. Subsequently she earned her Ph.D. degree from Michigan State University.

Alvin Vander Kolk '55 and his wife, Joyce, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in February.

Ruth Pruis '56 Boender's husband, John Boender, died on Dec. 3, 2016. She has retired to Sheldon, Iowa.

Lawrence Schut '58 worked as a neurologist at CentraCare Clinic, a multispecialty clinic in St. Cloud, Minnesota, for 17 years. He retired in August 2014 but in April 2016 he was asked to join the University of Minnesota Physicians to see specific patients with the diagnosis of ataxia. His primary interest is the hereditary degenerative ataxias. This has been a life-long interest of his because of a fatal form which has caused the premature deaths of 65 of his family members.

Dwayne "Tiger" Teusink '58 was honored in September with the naming of the 12-court tennis facility at Holland High School "The Tiger Teusink Tennis Courts." He was also honored in October as one of "Seven over Seventy" individuals recognized by Resthaven and *The Holland Sentinel* for extraordinary achievements. It was noted that Tiger coached for 52 years and was a valued mentor to many. Tiger and his wife Shirley live at The Warm Friend in Holland, Michigan.

Carl Ver Beek '59 was selected for the Indiana University Law School's Academy of Law Alumni Fellows. Induction into the Academy is the highest honor the Maurer School of Law can bestow upon one of its graduates, and recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves in their careers through personal achievements and dedication to the highest standards of the profession. The induction dinner and ceremony took place on Friday, April 7. Carl has more than 40 years of practice with Varnum LLP in Grand Rapids. He also facilitated a contact to set up a program for Hope graduates to attend IU Law with a scholarship for half tuition if they qualify.

60s

Jerry Hill '61 reports that he is turning 77 in April, having retired in 1999. Since then he has provided technical consulting for aerospace companies including Boeing, Raytheon, ITT and IITRI (Illinois Institute of Technology Research Institute). He had provided project management for telemetry acquisitions for Topex-Poseidon, an oceanographic data-gathering satellite. Completing that project with a staff of eight, they were awarded a much bigger NASA/JPL contract to support Galileo (Jupiter) and Cassini (Saturn's moon, Titan) with a technical staff of 45. Prior to the 1990s he managed development of ground support systems for the U.S. Air Force in support of real-time telemetry acquisition formatting and display to users for missile launch and high-performance jet aircraft testing. He continues to substitute teach, introducing middle and high school students to the solar system and where it fits into the universe.

P. John Paarlberg Jr. '61 and **Dale Church '62 Paarlberg** are living in a retirement community in Jacksonville, Florida. He reports that their youngest son, Jonathan, lives nearby with his family. When they moved there in May



On Saturday, Jan. 28, students with the Washington Honors Semester joined **Thelma (Tommye) Leenhouts '66**, a licensed D.C. tour guide, on a walking tour of D.C. monuments and memorials. The tour included: the Washington Monument, World War II Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Korean War Memorial, Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial, and the Jefferson Memorial. The group posed facing the Lincoln Memorial with the Washington Monument in the background. Thelma commented how much she enjoyed the enthusiasm the students expressed for being in D.C. and learning more about the nation's capital.

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Mary Richards '69 Watson performed with Andrea Bocelli at Madison Square Garden in New York City, and the Prudential Center in Newark, New Jersey, on December 15 and 18, singing backup with members of her chorus, the New York Choral Society. The NYCS has been singing annually with Bocelli on the U.S. tour since 2000.

2016, they met a lady who described herself as “sister-in-law” of D. Ivan Dykstra '35. They are currently attending a Southern Baptist Church in Jacksonville and report that it is a wonderful experience, although John notes that he is having second thoughts about joining the church

because he is afraid he will be identified as “John the Baptist.” They add, “We miss you all!”

Betty Whitaker '62 Jackson of Palm Bay, Florida, reports that since her retirement from classroom teaching after 40 years and in five states she is now an author. Her first book, *It's a*

God Thing!, has a setting similar to Hope College. Her 13th book was published in December, and her books include a fiction series, nonfiction, memoir and devotional guides. She won first prize in the Reminisce Reader's Digest Memoir Writing Contest in 2014 which resulted in publication of the first book in her Whispering Woods series, and she recently appeared at a writers' forum at the Central Brevard Library.

Richard Valencourt '63 and Barbara Valencourt recently had a 50th wedding anniversary party.

Barbara Freggens '64 O'Brien and Daniel O'Brien celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on board Holland America's *MS Koningsdam* cruising the Greek Isles with a renewal of wedding vows performed by Captain Emiel de Vries.

Peter Paulsen '64 and **Lydia Thornburg '13** both serve on the board of the Atlanta branch of a ministry that helps people “...see the face of God in the city.” The ministry is Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflections (DOOR). Pete reports that in quiet moments at board meetings and while working on projects they enjoy sharing their memories of Hope and their times in Holland.

Dick McFall '65 is currently working as a substitute teacher in Beaverton, Oregon. It's his 51st year in public education. He lives with his wife, Patti, in Portland.



Hope Touched Our Hearts and Minds

Jerry '67 and Mary Rynbrandt '69 Zwart have fond memories of their individual experiences at Hope as well as the experience and impact the college has had on their family, friends and community.

“As a Christian college, Hope supports our values and our philosophy of life,” Jerry says. The Zwarts are committed to supporting Hope's future with contributions to the Jim and Martie Bultman Student Center, Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts, the Hope Fund and have the college in their estate.

“Hope impacted our lives as students in every way: academically, socially and spiritually,” Mary says. “As alumni these memories continue to be vitally important in our regard for Hope and its future. Our efforts continue to help provide the very best college experience for students. We're still getting value from our time on campus and seeking to return that to the college. Heart and mind combined, this is why we give to Hope.”

By planning a gift to support Hope's future, you can join Jerry and Mary in helping the college carry forward its mission of educating students for lives of leadership and service.

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Richard Hallock '66 and **Anne Knox '66 Hallock** celebrated 51 years of marriage and continue to spend their time in Los Angeles, California; New York; and Sarasota, Florida.

James Pohl '67 has retired from 42 years of parish ministry in the United Church of Christ. He and his wife, Mary, live at the Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri.

Harold Lay '68 retired after 38 years of ministry in the Reformed Church in America. He served five churches in New Jersey and New York, and traveled to RCA mission locations in Honduras, The Sudan, and Ethiopia. He and his wife, Marilyn, moved to Brick, New Jersey, where they are looking forward to new adventures.

Jeffrey Seise '69 has been installed as master of Hawthorne-Fortitude Masonic Lodge #200 F&AM of Ramsey, New Jersey.

70s

John Debrececi '70 reports the 40th anniversary of Camp Sunrise, a summer residential camp for special needs children, founded by John and the youth of the Wyckoff Reformed Church. He is the director of human resources at a digital marketing communications company in New York City.

Charles Lang '70 is retired and living with his Azorean wife of 42 years in Sao Miguel, Azores. Their retirement dream has come true.

Rosezina Bard '71 is in her second year of teaching overseas in Micronesia. Last year she was a volunteer teacher with World Teach in Micronesia, teaching both ninth grade English and kindergarten. She reports that she was blessed to be able to use both of her teaching certificates. This year she is teaching with a contract from the Department of Education and is teaching kindergarten and serving as a mentor teacher for four recent college graduates in a new pilot elementary program. The most rewarding and fulfilling part of her journey to Micronesia is the teaching of children's church in two local Chuukese churches. She writes, "I am asking my fellow alumni for continued prayers. I challenge Hope students to take advantage of any study abroad programs at Hope. It will change your life. It did mine. I am still grateful for my year abroad in Grenoble, France."

Don Poest '71 reports that he retired in September after 38 years as pastor of the Brunswick Reformed Church, although he

is still involved to some degree at all levels of denominational work. "God has been and is being incredibly good to me," he writes.

Arlan TenClay '71 reports that his wife Sondra was completely healed from her third bout with cancer on Aug. 8, 2016, on the day of her death, which occurred four days following their 44th wedding anniversary.

Fonda Van Sloten '72 Kirchmeyer retired after more than 40 years in education. She reports that she continues her church, activism, volunteer and leisure activities, but at a saner and more enjoyable pace. Travel is also in the future when her husband, Rod, retires. They love living in the Southwest.

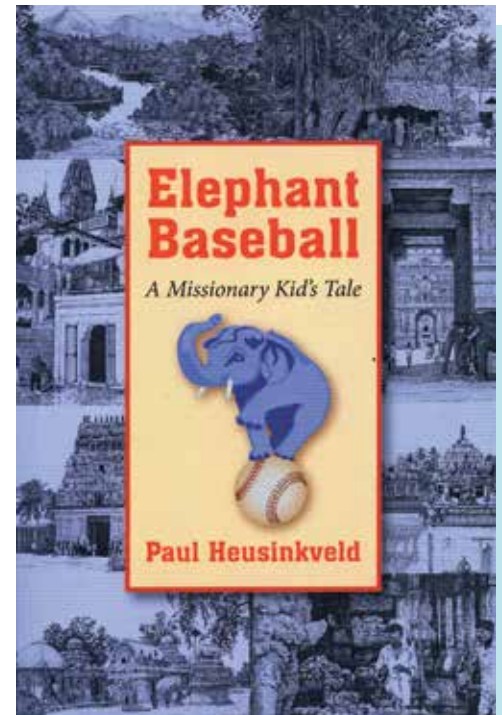
Kathy Smith '72 Matthews reports that she is busily retired in Cumberland Gap, Tennessee, where she writes for the local newspaper and is a member of the art co-op as a photographer.

Gerry Swieringa '72 came out of a short-lived retirement to serve as rector of St. Brendan's Anglican Church in Bellingham, Washington. He and his wife, **Peg Francis '73 Swieringa**, live on a small rural farm where they raise chickens, quail and four grandchildren. He retired from BP American in 2010 after 27 years in the oil and gas industry and was ordained an Anglican priest, which he expects will be his last career change.

Suzanne Rutledge '72 Viel retired in November 2015, after 41 years in healthcare. Within 10 days she and her husband, **Don Viel '71**, had moved to DeWitt, Iowa, to be closer to their son and family. Don is on the golf course and she is enjoying grandson, gardening, quilting and volunteering.

Michael Ebbers '73 of Green Cove Springs, Florida, retired in 2014 from IBM after more than 40 years of service. In 2015 he married Kathleen and in 2016 they bought a boat and began a trip known as the "Great Loop," circumnavigating the eastern third of the country on the water. This will include six weeks on Canadian waterways. They plan to complete the loop in May and after that they hope to see the United States by RV.

Daniel McAuliffe '73 reports that he has turned 65 but rather than retire full-time will undertake a new career in teaching. He notes that as a political science major he intended to become a lawyer and save the world. However he had a minor in business which led to him being awarded a George F. Baker scholarship.



The book *Elephant Baseball* by **Paul Heusinkveld '72** of Holland, Michigan, offers an insider's view of a unique world: the boarding-school experience of a missionary kid. Now retired after a career with the U.S. Department of State, Paul, who is spending the year as a research fellow with the A.C. Van Raalte Institute at Hope, was a student at Kodaikanal School in south India from fifth grade through high school graduation in 1968. The school was established in 1901 by members of multiple missionary boards' missions from the United States, Canada and Europe to provide education for their missionaries' children, and his parents were Reformed Church in America medical missionaries serving in Bahrain when he began attending. In chronicling portions of his eight years at the school, he paints a picture of both the moment in time and place, and his own journey of discovery as the experience shaped him. The book has been published by William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, in the Historical Series of the Reformed Church in America.

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He went to Michigan State University to pursue a Master of Business Administration and the rest is history. He often thinks back to the teaching of **D. Ivan Dykstra '35**, his philosophy teacher freshman year. Some of his principles he can apply to his teaching students today.

Chadwick Busk '74 is the co-author of "Curiouser and Curiouser Excuses for Legal Jargon," an article that was published in the October issue of the *Michigan Bar Journal*. He continues his solo practice of corporate law after retiring from the Meijer Legal Department in 2014.

Scott Lenheiser '74 is practicing law in Farmington Hills, Michigan, primarily in real estate, taxation and business law concerns, and in the Greater Detroit and Tri-County areas of Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties. He also reports that he recently acquired an Enfield 2A1 military surplus rifle manufactured in 1958 for the Indian government to introduce the 7.62mmx51mm (.308) rifle round to its military service. It reflects the design of the Enfield No. 1 Mark III Rifle of First World War fame. Scott shares his email address scottlenheiser@yahoo.com for friends who would like to catch up.

Judith Van De Hoef '75 Bloor of Louisville, Kentucky, has retired from being the executive vice president of the Child Kind Center at Home of the Innocents after 23 years and reports that she is enjoying the transition into this new season of life.

Dave Cluley '75 is the chair of the national media relations committee for the National Association of Health Underwriters, NAHU.org, a professional association of health insurance agents and insurance carriers. In August, he celebrated five years with Spectrum Health, in the communications and marketing department.

David DeKok '75 has begun work on a new book with the working title "*American Tragedy*." It is about Han Tak Lee, a Korean-American from New York City who was imprisoned in Pennsylvania for 24 years for a crime he did not commit. David's previous four books include "*Murder in the Stacks*," about the murder of former Hope student Betsy Aardsma (1965-67) in the Penn State University Library in 1969.

Joan Donaldson '75 was selected to receive a 2017 honor prize as part of the Jane Yolen Mid-List Honor Award, sponsored by Yolen and given at the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators' Winter Conference.

Jerry Root '75 is a part-time chaplain of athletics with Hope College's Campus Ministries program, coming alongside athletes and coaches.

John Bush '76 retired after 43 years with Sodexo. As COO, he was responsible for business in Canada, Mexico, and the United States as well as supply management for the company's food and faculty systems. He reports that he is relearning how to live at home and travel for pleasure.

Eric Endean '76 was elected president of the Southern Association for Vascular Surgery.

David James '76 has had his fifth chapbook of poems, *Split-Level*, published by Finishing Line Press, under the name D.R. James. He is also completing his 30th year of academic coaching in Hope's Academic Success Center and his 32nd year of teaching in Hope's Department of English. He and his wife, Suzy Doyle, live in the woods east of Saugatuck and have six grown children, two daughters-in-law, and three grandchildren.

N. Jean Lambert '76 of Greenville, North Carolina, is working with disabled children as a physical therapist, running a rehab agency with

PT, OT and ST. She also plays tennis and sails in eastern North Carolina.

Rebecca Waller '77 Gillan of Hammond, Louisiana, has released a new FreeSolo piano album called *Clouds*. The quiet album (#3) is created "in-the-moment" by using jazz and modal harmonies and classical-type melodies. After leaving Hope College, she moved to Los Angeles, California, where she performed regularly with big bands and musical theater, and had a group piano studio of her own. During this time, her hands collapsed, and she was unable to play the piano for many years. Rehabilitating herself and learning a new method of playing brought her into this style of composing. Seven years later she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. She would like to thank the Hope College Department of Music for its training and development, with special thanks to Joan Conway, her piano instructor. She would like to dedicate the closing track from *Clouds* to Joan Conway for her dedication and vision for her students. Proceeds from the sale of each CD are donated to The National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

George Ranville '78 and **Gail Noerenberg '78 Ranville** along with their son, Danny,



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opened Bière De Mac Brew Works, LLC in Mackinaw City, Michigan. George's family has lived on Mackinac Island, Mackinaw City and in the straits area for many generations.

Laurie Griffen '78 Vanderbeck of Jenison, Michigan, retired in June 2016 after 38 years teaching special needs students.

Sheryl Radike '79 Page, Cindy McOwen '79 Poole, Mimi Miller '79 Brado and Sandy Busman '79 Cott linked up in Littleton, Colorado, in October 2016. They met as freshmen living in first floor Kollen Hall and have been close friends ever since, and get together every two years for a weekend of fun and reminiscing.

Sherie Veramay '79 is the director of planned giving and campaign executive director at Alma College.

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Daniel Hafley '80 continues to work for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality in Portland, Oregon, as a hydrogeologist and technical lead. He is actively engaged in a variety of urban redevelopment projects and Superfund cleanup work. He reports that his free time revolves around family and the outdoors (hiking, climbing) as well as taking advantage of Portland's great food and music scene.

Lois Lema '80 and her basset hound, Dexter, have completed therapy dog training and are just waiting to head into the community in northern New Hampshire.

Barbara Mulder '80 Wagenmaker is a program manager/supervisor for Children's Protective Services of Ottawa County with a staff of specialists who investigate child abuse and neglect. She is also serving on the multi-disciplinary team for Ottawa County's Children's Advocacy Center with law enforcement, Ottawa County prosecutors, court staff, and service providers in providing services to sexual abuse victims and their families. In 2015 she married Bruce Wagenmaker, who is retired from being the owner/operator of Wagenmaker Greenhouse in Muskegon, Michigan.

David Braak '82 of Ankeny, Iowa, is a chaplain at Spurgeon Manor extended care facility as well as PRN chaplain with Kindred Hospice. He substitute teaches occasionally.

Karen Heikema '82 Terpstra of El Cajon, California, works for the Public Library Foundation that supports 36 public libraries raising funds for many outstanding programs. The foundation raised funds to build the nine-story Central Library downtown San Diego, California, as well as 11 new branch libraries since its inception 13 years ago. She reports that her passion for non-profit accounting started while she attended Hope working as a student for Advancement and Alumni.

Pam Spring '83 is the president of Pam Spring Advertising and celebrated five years in business this past January.

David Ravi Bhaskar '84 and Karen Wuertz '86 Bhaskar have recently relocated to the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Karen is an ophthalmologist with The Polyclinic in Seattle, Washington, and Ravi is an obstetrician/gynecologist with The Franciscan Medical Group.

Rayetta Elhart '84 Perez was appointed director of administration and human resources at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan.

Margaret Oklatner '85 McCarty serves as the pastor of the Gibson and South Gibson United Methodist Churches. January 2016 marked the start of her 10th year as a substitute teacher in the Mount View School District. She continues to direct the high school's drama program, producing two shows with students in grades seven through 12 each year. This fall, they presented the classic comedy *Harvey*, and they are currently working on the spring musical *Back to the 80s*.

Jonathan Van Oss '85 is the president/owner of DBInsights, a consulting company specializing in helping non-profits with their fundraising activities.

Steven Cooper '87 is in his 15th year running Excella Consulting in Arlington, Virginia, a 220-person information technology firm serving large commercial and federal organizations in and around Washington, D.C.

Larry Wagenaar '87 was recently reappointed by Michigan Governor Rick Snyder to a four-year term on the Michigan Historical Commission. The commission serves as an advisory body to the Michigan Historical Center, which is a part a Michigan Department of Natural Resources. He also serves as executive director of the Historical Society of Michigan (since 2001) and publisher of HSM Magazines, which includes the largest



Tom Wagner '84 had photography featured in the De Pree Art Center and Gallery at Hope this spring. His exhibition "No Motherland Without You: Images of North Korea" ran from Friday, Feb. 17, through Thursday, March 16, and showed photographs that Wagner took in North Korea during four visits between the mid-1990s and early 2000s. The work presents North Korea as a place of looking, of guessing, of watching and of being watched.

circulating state-history magazine in the United States, *Michigan History*.

Chris Habben '88 of Shawnee, Kansas, received this year's Faculty of Distinction Award from the Kansas Independent College Association (KICA). He is the professor of marriage and family therapy, Kansas City site program director, and Kansas City site specialized accreditation and assessment administrator at Friends University. He was honored, along with faculty members from the other 18 accredited private colleges in Kansas, at a celebration and award reception on Thursday, Oct. 13.

Tim Kleyla '88 has been selected by the director of the Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) to serve on the Mortgage Industry Advisory Board for the State of Michigan. The board meets directly

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William Charles Crowley '92 had the distinct honor of being one of the first Americans ever to teach dance in Cuba since 1959, as part of the U.S.-Cuba People to People cultural exchange program, at the Danza Contemporanea de Cuba in Havana in December 2016. He returned to Hope College for a third year as a visiting professor, teaching technique classes and setting a work on the students this spring.

with the DIFS regarding mortgage and lending issues concerning consumers and industry within Michigan.

Kevin Kremer '88 has retired from his position as a middle school science teacher, track and cross-country coach and chief negotiator for Zeeland Public Schools to pursue his dream of serving the community of Hope College via the transportation department. He reports that a highlight of the past year was attending the commencement of his daughter, Anna, a fourth generational Hope College graduate.

Marta VanderStarre '88 is a licensed real estate agent in the greater Naples, Florida, area. She had worked for 18 years in nonprofit communications.

Robin Kasten '88 Wilson and her husband, Dan, recently retired onto a 36-foot Carver on the East Coast. She reports that the adventure of cruising is in full swing as they have already done a 200-mile trip from Florida's St. John's River to the Space Coast on the Intercoastal Waterway. They are currently docked at Patrick AFB and looking to cruise back north for the summer.

Kathleen McGookey '89 is having a book of prose poems, *Heart in a Jar*, published by White Pine Press in early April.

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Danielle Battle '92 is the supervisory United States probation officer for the Northern District of Indiana.

Kimberly Manns '92 reports that she was diagnosed with triple-negative breast cancer in January 2016. After three surgeries, five months of chemotherapy and 25 radiation sessions, she is finished with treatment and saying a grateful good-bye to 2016. She has been promoted to an assistant prosecuting attorney III for Kent County and entered 2017 with renewed health and optimism.

Marty Williams '92 has been married to Lisa Williams since 2000. They live in the Washington, D.C., area.

Jennifer Cameron '93 reports that she has gained two daughters, Olivia and Callie, through the beautiful gift of adoption. The girls were both born in China. She met Olivia while serving in China in June 2012, and on July 1, 2013 they were declared together forever. Olivia traveled with her to pick up Callie and arrive home on Christmas Eve 2015. Jennifer never dreamed she would initiate single parenthood once, let alone twice, but notes that God had bigger plans than she did.

Shalom Sonneveldt '93 Jaconette of DeWitt, Michigan, added pastoral care assistant to her responsibilities at River Terrace Christian Reformed Church in East Lansing, Michigan, where she was already serving as children's ministry director.

Michael VanHuis '93 is the vice president of strategic initiatives for Missio Nexus. Missio Nexus has a 100-year history of advancing the effectiveness of the Great Commission community in North America in global mission.

Russ Johnson '94 will be celebrating his 65th birthday by riding his bike in Sea to Sea 2017. He plans to leave Vancouver, Washington, bound for Halifax, Maine, on June 26.

Tammy DeRoo '94 Russell earned her Ph.D. in evaluation, measurement and research from Western Michigan University. She remains living in Kalamazoo, Michigan, with her husband, Mark, and daughter, Amelia.

Dawn Campbell '94 Wedemeyer of Almont, Michigan, was the Michigan Lottery Excellence in Education award winner in November.

She is a special education teacher at Lapeer-Almont High School in Lapeer County. She was recognized with a \$500 check from the Michigan Lottery and her class will receive a \$500 grant.

Jennie Katterheinrich '96 Dimmick and **Nick Dimmick '96** report that 2016 was quite the year: they moved back to Jennie's hometown and to her old house. Nick became the pastor at Versailles Christian Church, where Jennie's dad had been pastor from 1977 to 1996. They doubled their kid count from three to six by adopting daughters, Caroline, age 9, Atalie, almost 8 and Elizabeth, age 5, which put them right back into the young-kids years. Daughters Katie, age 15, and Callum, age 17, are tackling driving and high school, while Emily, age 18, is off for her freshman year at Spring Arbor College.

Amy Moeckel '96 Peterson is a school counselor at Upton Middle School and St. Joseph High School, both of which she and her husband attended, as do/will their two children.

Craig Phillips '97 and **Kristin Schneider '02 Phillips** announce the birth of Benjamin Craig on June 18, 2015. He joined his big sisters, Elizabeth and Charlotte.

Stephan Currie '98 has been promoted to executive director of the Michigan Association of Counties. He had been serving as deputy director, where he has been leading MAC's daily operations for five years, plus has spurred new initiatives such as CoPro+, a collaborative purchasing program for public entities. Founded on Feb. 1, 1898, MAC is the only statewide organization dedicated to the representation of all county commissioners in Michigan. Currie becomes the fourth, and youngest, executive director of MAC since Michigan shifted to a county commissioner form of county government in 1968. He and his wife, **Karen Pirich '98 Currie** are extensively involved in Lansing-area philanthropy, aiding the Sparrow Foundation and St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, among others. They have four children and live in East Lansing, Michigan.

Becky Hollenbeck '98 Dykhuis is the coordinator of connection and engagement at Trinity Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She and her husband, **Brian Dykhuis '98**, live in Grandville, Michigan, with their four children.

Miriam Garcellano '98 has joined a private practice at Family Practice Center of Westerville in Westerville, Ohio.



ASSOCIATION HONORS TWO YOUNG ALUMNI

The Hope College Alumni Association honored **Sarah Sanderson '03 Doyle** of Tokyo, Japan, and **Dr. Josiah Dykstra '02** of Severn, Maryland, with Young Alumni Awards on Thursday, March 2, as emerging leaders who have already been making an impact through their lives and careers.

Sanderson Doyle is a Rotary International World Peace Fellow studying and researching peace and conflict resolution at International Christian University in Tokyo. A two-time recipient of highly competitive Fulbright Fellowships, she is a teacher, writer, presenter, language learner and travel enthusiast.

Dykstra works within the Research Directorate of the National Security

Agency on innovation, infrastructure and analytics of USCYBERCOM. He recently received a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, the highest honor bestowed by the United States on young professionals in his field.

Both Doyle and Dykstra also presented workshops hosted by the Alumni Association and the college's Career Development Center for students as they consider their lives after graduation. Doyle presented "Life Lessons from Language Learning." Dykstra, along with Dr. Joel Toppen '91 of the college's political science faculty, presented "American Self Defense in Cyberspace."

Biographical sketches of both alumni are featured on: hope.edu/yaa2017

Kari Vandrese '98 Zamora had her middle school orchestra, the Faubion Honors Orchestra, chosen as one of the three middle school orchestras in the world selected to perform at the prestigious Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic on Friday, Dec. 16, in Chicago, Illinois.

Brent Bash '99 is the director of North

American Grains. He and his wife, Trish, live in Lakeville, Minnesota, with two future Flying Dutchmen, Anna and Otto.

Jon Brown '99 and **Kristyn Fox '01 Brown** announce the birth of their fourth daughter, Ava Grace, on Aug. 28, 2016. Jon serves as a pastor at Pillar Church in downtown Holland, Michigan.

Amie Evans '99 and **Mike Litteral '06** were married on June 12, 2015, and announce the birth of Fionn Lachlann on Sept. 17, 2016.

Dan McCue '99 graduated from Grinnell Mutual's Emerging Leaders Program, a rigorous 15-month leadership development program.

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Leigh Ann Schmidt '00 Ellett and Travis Ellett announce the birth of Riley Owen on Dec. 30, 2016.

Kathryn Mulder '00 and Daniel DeJonge were married on Nov. 5, 2016, and reside in Holland, Michigan, where Kate is a practicing optometrist and owns West Coast Eyecare in Holland.

Jennifer Schwieger '01 Graham and Joshua Graham announce the birth of Lucy Kay on Feb. 21, 2016.

Nathan Hart '01 successfully defended his doctoral thesis at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Boston, Massachusetts.

Jeffrey Howard '01 moved to London, United Kingdom, to earn a Master of Science degree in transport planning and management from the University of Westminster.

Melissa Howe '01 Schmidt and **J.R. Schmidt '01** announce the birth of their third son, Noah Worthington on June 19, 2016.

Rebecca LaRoy '01 Town and **Gregory Town '02** continue to pastor the Reformed Church of Prattsville (where they co-pastored for eight and a half years). They report that they are proud parents of three wonderful children, Karissa (7), Emelyn (4) and Joseph (2).

Christina Stavros '01 and Anthony Kidonakis were married on Sept. 4, 2016, at All Saints Greek Orthodox Church in Joliet, Illinois. Their wedding was attended by Christine's dear classmates and friends, **Ghadeer Yaser '01 Hijazeen**, **Erin Tuttle '02 Lockridge**, **Rebecca Jackson '01 Williams** and **Mery Kendall '01**, as well as dear Hope professors and friends **Dr. Jeffrey Tyler '82** and **Dr. Steven Bouma-Prediger '79**. The newlyweds now reside in Chicago, Illinois.

Melanie Lofquist '01 Ward is the principal of OW Best Middle School in Dearborn Heights, Michigan.

Kara Benson '02 Haug of Sacramento,

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These three sets of twins were born less than three months apart, and there's no pressure, but the bibs reflect the hope that maybe, just maybe, they'll one day have their college choice in common. Pictured from left to right as potential members of the Class of 2039 are Hannah Kathryn Steenwyk and William Henry Steenwyk, born on Nov. 11, 2016, to **Liz Foster '04 Steenwyk** and David Steenwyk; Quinn Eliza Ralston and William Ford Ralston, born on Dec. 12, 2016, to **Kate Bultema '09 Ralston** and **James Ralston '09**; and Jillayna Faith DeVries and Eleanor Grace DeVries, born on Sept. 30, 2016, to **Kristi Dannenberg '09 DeVries** and Ben DeVries.

California, received a certificate from the University of Michigan in sexual health education and counseling in 2014. With her theology degree, her plan is to bring healthy conversation around sexuality into churches and other non-profits.

Patrick Kinne '02 has received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Roman Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Syracuse, New York, for his work in the diocese especially at Bishop Grimes Jr./Sr. High School, where he has been teaching since 2004 and serving in an administrative capacity since 2014. He received the award at the Diocese's Annual Light the Way Scholarship Dinner in January.

Misha Neil '02 accepted the position of director of university events at Central Michigan University in Mount Pleasant, and thus said goodbye to her near decade as the director of performing arts programming and student affairs at Elmira College, where she received her master's in management.

Nate Pyle '02 and **Sarah Caulk '03 Pyle** welcomed Evelyn Nicole June to the family in February 2016 through the gift of adoption.

Greg Town '02 of Tarrytown, New York, now serves as minister of revitalization and renewal for the Regional Synod of New York (RCA),

based in Tarrytown, where he helps to support and equip congregations and church leaders for new vision and mission in their contexts.

Lora Van Uffelen '02 is an assistant professor in the Department of Ocean Engineering and in the Graduate School of Oceanography at the University of Rhode Island.

Rebecca Chabot-Wieferich '03 and Nicole Chabot-Wieferich announce the birth of Wyatt Perkins on April 25, 2016.

Dani Grammerstorf '03 French of Hudson, New York, proudly attended the Women's March on Washington on Saturday, Jan. 21.

Charlene Kan '03 and Eric Yeh were married on Sept. 3, 2016 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Cynthia Bachhuber '04 of Madison, Wisconsin, accepted a position as North American history librarian at the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Kate VanEssen '04 Bylsma and Matt Bylsma announce the birth of twins, Margaret Kate and Sloane Eloise on June 15, 2015.

Thomas "T.J." Carr '04 opened Quad City Spine and Strength in July 2016 and is part owner of Quad City Strongman Gym both in Bettendorf, Iowa.

Nakisha Zwylghuizen '04 DeJong and Eric DeJong announce the birth of Ezra Peter on Sept. 23, 2016. He joins big sisters Taryn and Lainey.

Kyle Delhagen '04 and Elena Delhagen announce the birth of Atticus James on July 27, 2016. Kyle is the pastor of Western Presbyterian Church in Palmyra, New York.

Jacob Nyboer '04 and Ellen Nyboer announce the birth of Rhett Holland on Sept. 10, 2016.

Paul Simon '04 has been appointed president of the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers and will serve from January to December 2017. DAYL has more than 3,000 members.

Jesse Snyder '04 and **Susana Rodriguez-Snyder '04** announce the birth of Andres Esteban on April 16, 2016.

Elizabeth Foster '04 Steenwyk and David Steenwyk announce the birth of Hannah Kathryn and William Henry on Nov. 11, 2016. They join big brother Patrick (3).

Tyler Thompson '04 of Reed City, Michigan, was appointed by Michigan Governor Rick Snyder as probate judge of Mecosta and Osceola counties. Governor Snyder wrote, "through his work as the Osceola prosecuting attorney and in private practice, Thompson has gained extensive knowledge and experience in every kind of matter that comes before the Probate Court. I am confident that he will continue to provide exemplary public service in his new position."

Steven Van Beek '04 was named to *Michigan Lawyers Weekly's* "Up & Coming Lawyers Class of 2016." His concentration is in the area of financial regulations for Howard & Howard.

Rachel Roberts '04 Warnke and Jason Warnke announce the birth of Nathan William on Sept. 25, 2016.

Meaghan Elliott '05 and Bradfield Dittrich were married on Oct. 29, 2016. They are both finishing their doctorates in composition and rhetoric at the University of New Hampshire.

Chris Lam '05 and Lindsay Lam announce the birth of Cooper Isaac on Jan. 17, 2017.

Jeffrey Martindale '05 has been elected a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology and was recently named director of the Heart Failure Program at MidMichigan Health in Midland, Michigan.

Lydia Riddell '05 Nelson and **Harry Nelson '05** announce the birth of Abigail Ann on Sept. 30, 2016.

Eric Post '05 of Holland, Michigan, was voted into the partnership of Varnum Attorneys at Law. He is a corporate attorney advising startups, private and family-owned businesses, and multinational companies.

Meredith Carlson '06 Bailey and Scott Bailey announce the birth of Luke August on Aug. 29, 2016. He joins big sister Nora, born in February 2015. Meredith graduated with a master's degree in special education, focusing on behavior management, from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in December 2016.

Sarah McDonald '06 Gebben and David Gebben announce the birth of Jude Freya on June 15, 2016. She joins big sister Shiloh (3).

Megan Noll '06 Graves and Kevin Graves announce the birth of Catherine Elizabeth on Jan. 19, 2017. She joins big brother Cooper.

Suzanne Rogier '06 Horan and John Horan announce the birth of Iris Amelia on July 15, 2016. They reside in Memphis, Tennessee.

Kim Meulenbelt '06 Magoon and **Adam Magoon '07** announce the birth of Jack Allan on Jan. 26, 2017.

Laura Kadzban '06 Pridgeon and **Matthew Pridgeon '06** announce the birth of Will Matthew on March 17, 2016.

Jess Schmidt '06 is the marketing and advertising lead at WTA, the preferred partner of Cabela's.

Stephanie Van Stee '06 and Stuart Hamilton announce the birth of Lucia Renee on Feb. 10, 2017.

Jamie Thompson '06 Ward acquired her Montessori AMI elementary diploma and her master's in education. She now lives in Dallas, Texas, and leads a lower elementary (grades one-three) Montessori classroom.

Ryan Weaver '06 and Leanna Pelham announce the birth of Beckett Weaver on Oct. 2, 2016.

Jennie IntVeld '06 Wickes and Bryce Wickes announce the birth of Addison Rosemary on Oct. 8, 2016.

Peter Wright '06 is a cloud operations program manager with Oracle Corporation, working to build out Oracles's next generation cloud data centers.

Kendall Ramsden '07 Bogue and Timothy Bogue announce the birth of Eli Timothy on Oct. 11, 2016.

Katie VanderWeide '07 DeRoo and **Luke DeRoo '07** announce the birth of Lily Jane on July 12, 2016. She joins big sister Evelyn.

Stacy Nienhuis '07 Duimstra and Justin Duimstra announce the birth of Maverick James Wilder on July 26, 2016. He joins big sisters Brielle (seven) and Genevieve (four).

Ashley Bainbridge '07 Foster and Brett Foster announce the birth of Grace Annilee on Jan. 19, 2017. She joins big brother Lane (2 1/2).

Carrie Thomason '07 Johnson and **Eric Johnson '07** announce the birth of Connor born on July 20, 2016.

Adam Ringnald '07 and **Megan Werley '07 Ringnald** announce the birth of Louie Scott on June 29, 2016. Adam is the part owner of Ringnald & TenHaken Insurance Group.

Kristi Szczepanek '07 has joined Brown Paper Box Theatre Company in Chicago, Illinois, as an artistic associate. She serves as company administrator and as company liaison for the league of Chicago Theatres.

Scott Teusink '07 and Emily Teusink announce the birth of Annie Michelle on Oct. 13, 2016.

Jordan Hoyer '08 joined the Grand Rapids, Michigan, office of Kotz Sangster. She is focusing her practice on commercial litigation and financial services litigation.

Abby Goltz '08 King and **Brandon King '08** announce the birth of Piper Rosalie on Oct. 23, 2016.

Katie Robrahn '08 Law and Christopher Law announce the birth of Madelyn Jane on Nov. 21, 2016.

Samantha Miller '08 is an assistant professor of the history of Christianity at Anderson University.

Corey VanDyke '08 and **Brittany Tuinier '11 VanDyke** announce the birth of Chandler Lee on May 12, 2015.

Tom Yamaoka '08 of San Francisco, California, is an account executive at fashion start up Mizzen+Main.

Ashley DeVecht '09 graduated from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management with a Master of Business Administration degree in June 2016. Her focuses were on marketing, social enterprise, entrepreneurship and innovation, and management and organization. She received the Dean's Distinguished Service Award for her "significant and lasting contribution" to the campus community life and earned a 3.76 GPA.

Dan Guy '09 and **Kara Dornbusch '12 Guy** announce the birth of Lillian Grace on Dec. 8, 2016.

Jonathan Hatfield '09 is the vice president at J.P. Morgan's Private Bank in Chicago, Illinois. He works with high-net worth families and non-profit organizations to deliver investment and wealth planning advice. His wife LJ teaches

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Yulia Ganenko Rae '09 was named the 2016 Fashion Photographer of the Year during the Northwest Fashion Awards in Seattle, Washington on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016. She is the owner of Zipperture Photography.

fourth-grade girls at Sacred Heart Academy and they live in Chicago's Buena Park neighborhood.

Allyson Grinage '09 Kelly and **Ryan Kelly '09** announce the birth of Joelle Christine on May 24, 2016.

Jeffrey Mastin '09 and **Magdalene Reishus '11 Mastin** announce the birth of Richard Crosby, their third child, on Dec. 11, 2016.

Samuel Ogles '09 was promoted to associate editor and special project manager at *Christianity Today*. He will be leading a two-year, grant-funded project to create an online compensation tool available to church staff nationwide for determining fair, objective pay and benefits.

Garrett Russ '09 and **Tiffany Day '09 Russ** announce the birth of Ava Joy on Sept. 20, 2016. She joins big brother Gabriel. Garrett and his brother **Bryant Russ '11** have published a book, *The Dangeruss Parables*.

Brandon Smith '09 and Stephanie Smith announce the birth of Lillian Clare on Oct. 24, 2016. Brandon and Stephanie are the co-pastors of Heartland Community Church in Lafayette, Indiana.

Laura Morningstar '09 Sutton and Tyler Sutton announce the birth of Alexis Faith on Dec. 29, 2016.

Allison Hawkins '09 VanDenend became the director of Black C Art Gallery in Gainesville, Florida, in September. She has also been working as an independent arts consultant for other artists and organizations in the Southeast.

Zach White '09 and **Katherine Kirby '12 White** announce the birth of Lucas James-Gary on Jan. 6, 2017.

Callie Wulf '09 and JP Fulton were married on Sept. 16, 2016, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

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Amy Clinton '10 graduated with a Master of Science degree in business analytics from the University of Notre Dame in December 2016. She and Chandler Collins were married on Feb. 4, 2017.

Shirley Dean '10 received a Ph.D. in biochemistry and molecular biology from the Mayo Clinic Graduate School.

Patrick McElgunn '10 and **Shannon Dudley '10 McElgunn** announce the birth of Corbin James on Oct. 11, 2016.

Joel McVeigh '10 and William Wood were married on Oct. 1, 2016 at Henderson Castle in Kalamazoo, Michigan. They are now living outside of Nashville, Tennessee.

Chelsae Quada '10 and Matthew Dell Elba were married on Aug. 20, 2016.

Stephen Shaffer '10 and Olga Shaffer announce the birth of Moriah Lynn on Nov. 7, 2016.

Elies Aguilera '10 Sietsema and Casey Sietsema announce the birth of Logan Augustine on Sept. 6, 2016.

Andreas VanDenend '10 is the director of two programs at the University of Florida's office of distance and continuing education: UF flexible learning and UF online dual enrollment.

Elizabeth Barnes '11 is a physician assistant at Shoreline Orthopedics in Holland, Michigan.

Courtney Blackwell '11 is a safe families host mom through Bethany Christian Services.

Trevor Coeling '11 started working at My Community Dental Centers in West Branch, Michigan.

Evan Dekker '11 and **Karen Patterson '11** were married on Oct. 30, 2016 in Littleton, Colorado. They report that every person

(officiant, scripture reader, wedding party, etc) involved in the wedding is a graduate of Hope. They note that they didn't necessarily do that on purpose, but believe that it speaks to the power of Hope and the sort of relationships the college nurtures that five-plus years after graduating their closest friends are still those from college.

Sara DeWeerd '11 and Jake Mulder were married on June 24, 2016. Sara is a physical education teacher in Zeeland Public Schools and is the head varsity volleyball coach at Zeeland East.

Alexa Westley '11 Hill and Mark Hill announce the birth of Gehrig Westley on Dec. 2, 2016. They reside in Columbus, Ohio.

Katherine Krueger '11 and Carson Leedy were married on Oct. 8, 2016, in Traverse City, Michigan. They reside in Baltimore, Maryland.

Jenni La Porta '11 received a Master of Arts degree in educational technology from Michigan State University.

Casey Sullens '11 is currently the employer relations manager of Graduate Career Services at the Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan.

Trevan Thompson '11 and **Stefani Pentiuk '13 Thompson** were married on Sept. 10, 2016 in Leland, Michigan.

Jared Kimber '12 opened a Farm Bureau Insurance Agency in Holland, Michigan.

Sara Batts '12 Merrick is the education and volunteer coordinator at the Palouse Discovery Science Center in Pullman, Washington.

Stephanie Rankin '12 received a master's degree in arts administration from Drexel University in Philadelphia in December 2016.

Claire Roembach-Clark '12 and Chelsea Baumann were married on Dec. 21, 2016, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where they currently reside.

Heather Stiff '12 graduated *summa cum laude* from Ohio State University Medical School in 2016 and is now pursuing an ophthalmology residency at the University of Iowa.

Briana Beyer '13 was recognized as a 2016 Top Producing Agent at Coldwell Banker Real Estate in Holland, Michigan.

Karl Fleck '13 received a master's degree in sound recording technology from University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Rebecca Hobson '13 moved to Guadalajara, Mexico, for a year of full-time mission work with TEAM missions. She reports that her hope this year is to learn how God wants to use her in the mission field long-term and to use her gifts to spread the Gospel, build up the body of Christ and encourage believers along the way. She notes that prayers and partners along this new journey are welcomed!

Daniel Owens '13 and **Jacqueline Canonaco '12** were married on July 9, 2016 in St. Joseph, Michigan. Daniel is pursuing a master's in philosophy in internal peace studies at Trinity College Dublin.

Elisabeth Brewington '14 and **Keenan Erickson '14** taught English at Bunyawhat Witthayalai School in Lampang, Thailand, after graduation. They returned to Maine and were married in May 2016. They now live in Portland, Maine.

Lauren Ezzo '14 works for Brilliance Audio in Grand Haven, Michigan. Her audio book recording of *The Light Fantastic* won the Young Adult category for the one of the best recordings of 2016.

Larissa Fall '14 graduated with a master's degree in arts administration from the University of Kentucky. She is working as the production assistant at the Grand Rapids Symphony, teaching private and group violin lessons in Holland/Grand Rapids, performing with The Holland Symphony, managing and performing at weddings with the Charmante String Quartet, and doing other contract work in the music business.

Hannah McCoy '14 Jurkovich and **Corey Jurkovich** announce the birth of Joth Edison on Oct. 7, 2016.

Christian Leathley '14 is the vice president of security operations at Universal Studios, Orlando, Florida.

Laurel Mattice '14 received the Event Manager of the Year award from JHM Hotels, which manages more than 40 hotel properties across the country.

Ellen Milroy '14 and **Jack Frost** were married on Dec. 31, 2016.

Matthew Ringel '14 received a Master of Public Health degree in epidemiology from Emory University in 2016 and is now working as the vital records epidemiologist for the State of Montana.

Elyse Thompson '14 received a Master of

Public Health degree from Boston University School of Public Health in January 2017. She has moved to Christchurch, New Zealand, with her fiancé, Mark Hayes.

Eric Vachon '14 is in his second year of his Ph.D. program in nursing and was selected for Sigma Theta Tau. He will be attending the organization's international conference in Dublin, Ireland, in July in conjunction with the honor.

Rachael Whitmore '14 and **Tyler Ridge** were married on July 23, 2016.

Nicholas Byma '15 and **Stephanie Herder '15** were married on Sept. 9, 2016.

Victoria Henry '15 and **Nathan Longfield '16** were married on July 16, 2016, in Holland, Michigan. Victoria is the digital liberal arts librarian and an assistant professor at Van Wylen Library at Hope College.

Angelica Rodriguez '15 and **Matthew Day '15** were married on Nov. 26, 2016.

Christopher Waechter '15 moved to South Lake Tahoe, Nevada, and is pursuing a position as a civil engineer in watershed restoration for the Nevada Tahoe Conversation District.

Christina Mathew '16 is attending medical school at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine.

Alexis-Simone Rivers '16 moved from Indianapolis, Indiana, to Chicago, Illinois, to work for the Chicago Semester Program as the operations coordinator and registrar. She shares an office with fellow Hope alum **Skyler Adams '13**.

Amanda Stepho '16 is attending University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry.

Kelsey Vredevelde '16 is the marketing director for Beacon Sotheby's International Realty.

Briana Armand '17 is a campus recruiter for Northwestern Mutual – Chicago, a leading financial planning firm. She works on Chicago-area campuses to build relationships with the college community.

Gustavo Moura '17 is an on-site engineer for Worksighted, one of the fastest growing IT services companies in West Michigan. He will work with clients to help solve problems and assist in long-term technology strategy at their facility.

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Gladys Van Lare '39 Rohrer of Fremont, California, died on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016. She was 97. Survivors include two sons, Fred (Diana) Rohrer and Tom (Ann) Rohrer; two granddaughters; and one great-grandson.

Eloise Boynton '41 Bosch of Alexandria, Virginia, and Muscat, Oman, died on Friday, Oct. 7, 2016. She was 97. She was a teacher at the Mission School in Muscat, the Al Amana School, teaching in both Arabic and English. Survivors include her three children, David (Leslie) Bosch, Paul (Cecelia) Bosch and Bonnie Bosch; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and sister, Nancy Boynton '42 Prindle.

Donald Van Ark '42 of Holland, Michigan, died on Friday, Jan. 27, 2017. He was 96. He served in World War II in the Signal Corps with U.S. Army Air Forces and was discharged as a captain. He was the principal and a teacher for 29 years at Lakeview School in Holland. Survivors include his brother, Mike (Mae) Van Ark '51.

Marjorie Borgman '43 Hass of Owosso, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016. She was 94. She taught kindergarten and third grade in Zeeland, Grand Rapids and Potterville, Michigan, public schools. Survivors include two sons, William (Mary) Hass and Robert (Vikki) Hass; a daughter, Julie (Dan) Wenzlick; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Donna Bergman.

Anna Parsons '44 Smith of Evart, Michigan, died on Monday, Sept. 26, 2016. She was 94. She owned and operated Smith Lumber Company with her husband and taught school in Evart. She was a Gold Star Mother. Survivors include two sons, William (Donna) Smith and Fred Smith III; two grandchildren; one great-grandson; and a sister, Ellen (Neil) Newman.

Janet Bogart '45 Wolbrink of Holland, Michigan, died on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016. She was 93. She served on several community boards, including the Board of Education of Saugatuck Public Schools and the Board of Trustees for the Allegan Community Foundation. Survivors include her five children, Mary Ann (James) Braun, Robert (Janis) Wolbrink, Allen Wolbrink, Nancy (Bill) Beery and James Wolbrink; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth Romaine '46 Hillegonds of Holland, Michigan, died on Monday, Oct. 10, 2016. She was 91. She served alongside her husband over the course of his ministry. Survivors include her sons, Paul (Nancy) Hillegonds, Timothy '72 (Lynn Klaasen '72) Hillegonds; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Arthur Kerle '46 of Grayling, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2016. He was 96. He served in the U.S. Army Air Forces in World War II. He was an elementary school principal in the Willow Run School District. Survivors include his children, Susan Kerle '74 (Gordon '75) Callam, Arthur (Becky Knasel) Kerle '51 and Nancy Kerle '80 (Steven) Cope; eight grandchildren; and brother, Edward (Jean) Kerle.

Vivian Dykema '47 Krause of Westwood, Massachusetts, died on Thursday, Nov. 3, 2016. She was 91. She was a high school educator in Michigan. Survivors include her husband of 62 years, Carl Krause; children, Kathryn Krause, Mary (Carl) Recchia, Paul (Joanne) Krause, Peter Krause and Ellen (Steven) Teplitz; and eight grandchildren.

M. Jean Meulendyke '47 Millard of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016. She was 91. She taught in a high school. Survivors include her husband of 66 years, Howard Millard

'50; children, Dale (Cathy) Millard, Steven (Linda) Millard and Barbara (David) Timmer; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and in-laws, Wayne (Jutta) Millard.

Carol Hermance '48 Kennedy of Saginaw, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2016. She was 90. She was "Miss Carol" on the syndicated television show *Romper Room* and then was a kindergarten teacher for 30 years. Survivors include her children, Michael (Juliana) Kennedy, Kathleen (Michael) Brush, Laura (Timothy) Miller and Kevin Kennedy; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brother, Myron (Alicia VanZoeren '51) Hermance '50; sister, Nancy Grab; and sister-in-law, Gwen Carey.

Rosemary Finlaw '48 Commeret Penn of Grandville, Michigan, died on Sunday, Oct. 2, 2016. She was 91. She worked as a social worker for the state of Vermont. Survivors include her children, Timothy (Lelia) Commeret, Lucie (George) Marsden, Thomas Commeret and Karen Commeret; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and sisters, Ronnie Finlaw '46 Green and Anne Finlaw '54 (John '57) Holmlund.

Carolyn Ingham '49 Chandler of Media, Pennsylvania, died on Sept. 23, 2016. She was 88. She was a mathematics teacher in the Wallingford Swarthmore School District from 1974 until she retired in 1992. Survivors include her husband, Edgar Chandler; daughters, Ellen (Dan) Brookhart, Joyce Chandler '84 (Jim '83) Zandee and Kathy Chandler '87 (Jim '88) DeWitt; and six grandchildren.

Harold Dykstra '49 of Chandler, Arizona, died on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016. He was 96. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a pastor at Presbyterian Churches in Texas and New Mexico. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Waldo '42 Dykstra; sons,

Jerald (Linda) Dykstra, Lawrence (Lisa) Dykstra and Robert (Karen) Dykstra; brothers, Leon (Ruth) Dykstra '50 and Donald Dykstra; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

William Dykstra '49 of Grand Rapids, Michigan, died on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016. He was 89. He developed multiple companies (Dwight Furniture Corp, W.D. Dykstra Group and Burton Norton Company) and was a highly regarded business consultant and strategist. Survivors include his children, William H. Dykstra and Mary Dykstra '83 (Donald) Novess.

Word has been received of the death of **John "Jack" Jesser '49** of Sarasota, Florida, on Tuesday, July 26, 2016. He was 92.

Chester Schemper '49 of Oak Park, Illinois, died on Sunday, Oct. 30, 2016. He was 97. He worked for the Bible League in South Holland, Illinois, serving as Latin American coordinator and later as director for new translations. Survivors include his children, Carla (Lugene) Schemper, Thomas (Susan) Schemper and Mary Denny; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Robert Becksfort '50 of Niles, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017. He was 88. He was a CPA and president of Becksfort, Bussler and Grinnell. Survivors include his daughters, Sara (J. Scott) Vanderbeck and Susan (Doug) Stone; two grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Eleanor Bedell Hopkins; and his companion of 13 years, Arlene Sergeant.

Annette Cousins '50 Bonzelaar of Holland, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016. She was 92. She served in the U.S. Navy as a member of the WAVES. Survivors include her children, Barbara Bonzelaar '73 (Ted '72) Etheridge, Nancy Bonzelaar '76 (Doug) Ditmar, Betsy Bonzelaar '85 (David) Doezema; daughter-in-law, Jennifer Bonzelaar; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and in-laws, Alvin (Barbara) Bonzelaar and Patricia (Fred) Nickels.

Howard Bruggers '50 of Lafayette, Louisiana, died on Friday, Sept. 30, 2016. He was 88. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He was a professor and dean *emeritus* of the LSU School of Dentistry. Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Henrietta Weener '50 Bruggers; son, Barry (Linda) Bruggers; daughters, Karen (Mark Odom) Bruggers, Kathy (Michael) Moses and Kristy Thompson; seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Robert DeYoung '50 of Kalamazoo, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2016. He was 91. He served in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II. He was the director of elementary education with Kalamazoo Public Schools. He also taught graduate school at Western Michigan University after his retirement. Survivors include his daughter, Diane DeYoung '79 (Bruce) Callander; three granddaughters; four great-grandchildren; and two brothers-in-law, Ed (Bobbie) Boer and Calvin (Karen) Boer.

Bernard D. Hakken Jr. '50 of Wayland, Michigan, died on Saturday, Dec. 24, 2016. He was 89. He served in the U.S. Army. He served in ministry for more than 40 years. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Donna Hoogerhyde '56 Hakken; children, Ruth Hakken '78 (Douglas) Roosien, John Hakken '80, Daniel (Lynda Wesseldyke '95) Hakken '97, Timothy (Kellie) Hakken '85, Mathew (Amy) Hakken, Mary (Seishi) Okamoto and Andrew (Cara Aprea '90) Hakken '90; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Donn Lindeman '50 of Saint Cloud, Florida, died on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016. He was 90. He served in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific. Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Pam Lindeman; children, David Lindeman '84, Karen Lindeman (Eddie) Brooke, Lisa Hanson (Tim) Haney, Britt (Kathi) Hanson, Mark (Susan) Hanson and Phillip (Erin) Hanson; sister, Barbara Lindeman '52 (Ed '60) Boer; 18 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Isla Streur '50 Schipper of Holland, Michigan, died on Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017. She was 88. She was a teacher in Lansing, Muskegon and Holland, Michigan. Survivors include her three sons, Jim '81 (Jane Frey) Schipper, Brian (Rick Lord) Schipper '83 and Steve (Greg Seely) Schipper '87.

Maurice Boon '51 of Grand Haven, Michigan, died on Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016. He was 90. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He taught fifth grade and sixth grade for 37 years with the Grand Haven Public Schools. Survivors include his children, Cristine Boon-Hinga '79 (Marvin Hinga '80), Amy (Fred) Gadsby and Dennis (Kathy) Boon; five grandchildren; brother-in-law, Earl DeNeut; and sister-in-law, Dorothy Boon.

Kenneth Etterbeek '51 of Holland, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016. He was 87. He served in the U.S. Navy Reserve. Survivors

include his children, Susan Etterbeek '77 (Henry '76) DeJong, Sally (William) Swets, Jeffrey (Leslie) Etterbeek and Jonathan (Laurilee) Etterbeek '86; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Jacqueline Zych.

Nancylee Corp '51 Marema of Holland, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2016. She was 87. She taught music at Berea College and Berea Community School and worked at the Berea College Bookstore. Survivors include her husband, Jack Marema '50; children, Sally Marema '77 (Dave) Hoekstra, Jacquelyn (Ton Broek) Broek Marema and Timothy (Liz McGeachy) Marema; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Russell VanDyke '51 of Rochester, Minnesota, died on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017. He was 86. He served in the U.S. Army. He worked for Mayo Clinic and then five years with Henry Ford Hospital before returning to Rochester. Survivors include his wife, Sally VanDyke; daughters, Celia Sullivan and Linda (Mounzer) Hammoud; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

John Willits '51 of Naples, Florida, died on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016. He was 88. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. He was vice president of Internal Grinding and Honing Abrasives. Survivors include his wife, Beverly Willits; sister-in-law, Joan Vander Ploeg; daughter, Debra Hoefling; son, David (Cindy) Willits; and one grandson.

Annette Siderius '52 DeWolf of Webster, New York, died on Sunday, July 17, 2016. Survivors include her children, John (Sue) DeWolf III; Leigh Ann DeWolf '79 (Mark '79), Frederik (Margaret Gallo) and Ivonne DeWolf '85; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Richard Reinemann '53 of Medfield, Massachusetts, died on Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016. He worked in intelligence with the U.S. Army. He was the librarian with the Town of Medfield School Department. Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Charlotte Reinemann; sons, Peter (Christine) Reinemann, Michael (Stephanie) Reinemann and R. Louis (Deborah) Reinemann, Jr.; sister, Phyllis Thanner; and six grandchildren.

Stanley Vander Aarde '53 of Orange City, Iowa, died on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016. He was 85. He served with U.S. Air Force. He was on staff at Willmar Medical Center, practicing otolaryngology. Survivors include his wife of

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more than 60 years, Agnes Darlene De Beer '56 Vander Aarde; children, Paul (Susan) Vander Aarde, David (Erin) Vander Aarde, Debra (David) Schott and Mary (Kurt) Kenobbie; nine grandchildren; one great-grandson; brother Robert (Marjorie) Vander Aarde '58; and in-laws, Lois De Beer, David Van Peursem, Kermit (Marilyn) Hoff's, Jack (Ruth) Wilson, Laura Peuse and John (Mona) De Beer.

Frederick Bauer '54 of Swannanoa, North Carolina, died on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016. He served in the U.S. Army. He worked in New York City. Survivors include his wife, Joanne Bauer; son, Keith (Callie) Bauer; daughter, Lynn Carter; four grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Elizabeth (Biff) Bauer.

Lois Huizenga '54 of Holland, Michigan, died on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016. She was 87. Survivors include a brother, Clarence Huizenga '56.

Joyce Kobes '54 Proechel of Holland, Michigan, died on Friday, Dec. 30, 2016. She was 84. Survivors include her husband, Donald Proechel; children, Gregory (Kelly) Ensing, Diane (Mike) Butcher, David (Gretchen) Ensing and Michael (Ingrid) Ensing '91; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Donald Baird '55 of Laurinburg, North Carolina, died on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016. He was 82. Survivors include his wife, Charlene Swears Baird; sister, Janet Baird '58 (Richard '54) Weisiger; children, Donna Baird (Harold '79) Delhagen '70, Debra Baird '81 (Gerard) Deacon, Robert (Ingrid Anderson '83) Baird '83, Barbara (Dave Wilder) Baird and David (Holly) Baird; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mary Yeomans '56 Hobeck of Holland, Michigan, died on Monday, Oct. 24, 2016. She was 82. She was an elementary school teacher. Survivors include her children, Carolyn (Patrick) Scholten, Marianne (Paul) Miller; two grandchildren; and sisters-in-law, Barbara Hobeck and Ruth Koop '49 Yeomans.

Ethel Peelen '57 Van Istendal of Louisville, Kentucky, died on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016. She was 81. She retired from teaching ESL in Louisville, Kentucky. Survivors include her three children, Theresa Van Istendal '87 (Merlin '83) Buhl, Matt Van Istendal '88 and Laura (Scott) Case; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brothers, Matt (Sandy) Peelen '58 and George (Virginia) Peelen '60; and sisters, Beth (Wayne) Ray and Mary Peelen '63 (Bob '64) Tigelaar.

Thomas Harris, Jr. '58 of Denver, Colorado, died on Monday, Sept. 5, 2016. He was 82. He retired serving as pastor of Christ Community Church. He also served as a community grief counselor in the aftermath of the Columbine High School tragedy in 1999. Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Barbara Harris; children, Peter and Paul Harris and Kimberly Harris Kundahl; 10 grandchildren; and sister, Sally Harvey.

Bruce Brink '60 of Marshfield, Wisconsin, died on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2016. He was 78. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was the chairman of the department of general surgery at Marshfield Clinic. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Priscilla DeJong '63 Brink; children, Mary (Brink) Ayers and Jonathan Brink '95; daughter-in-law, Jennifer (Stonecipher) Brink; sisters, Phyllis Brink '58 Bursma and Marcia (Brink) Erb; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

William Holleman '62 of Lake Villa, Illinois, died on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2016. He was 76. He taught biochemistry and chemistry at Loyola University, Albion College and Carthage. Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Roters '63 Holleman; sons, William (Amy Brubaker) Holleman '87 and Thomas (Michelle DeMars) Holleman; five grandsons; sister, Edith Ann Holleman '65; and brother, John Edward (Kathy Garcia) Holleman.

Margo Meengs '62 Johnson of Holland, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016. She was 76. She was a teacher and homemaker. Survivors include her husband, Douglas Johnson '62, children, Mathew Johnson and Cathy Johnson '89 (Tim) Blackburn; and four grandchildren.

Judith Hoffman '63 Ganef of Chicago, Illinois, died on Monday, Oct. 31, 2016. She was 75. She was a social worker in the Chicago Public School System for more than 30 years. Survivors include two sons, John Ganef and Peter (Bess) Ganef '97; one granddaughter; one sister, Marilyn Hoffman '67 and a brother, Robert (Yvonne) Hoffman '72.

Wayne Kiel '63 of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Monday, Dec. 19, 2016. He was 87. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War in the 170th Infantry Regiment as a medic. He was a pastor serving at Peace Reformed Church for 24 years. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Donna Kiel; children, Dan Kiel '77, Scott Kiel (Caroline) Kiel '79 and Beth (Scott) MacGregor;

seven grandchildren; three great grandchildren; sisters, Arlene McGrath, Muriel Kaat and Sharon (Mel) Vande-Gewel; and in-laws, Lois Dickinson, Max (Karen) Veldman and Jim (Marcia) Pol.

James Wiegerink Jr. '63 of Honey Brook, Pennsylvania, died on Thursday, Oct. 18, 2016. He was 79. He was in the Army Reserves. He was the owner of Brandywine Jewelers in Wilmington, Delaware. Survivors include his children, Thomas (Kate) Wiegerink, Sandra (Patrick) McFadden and Cara Foglio; two sisters, Anne Wiegerink '60 Anderson and Patsy Gaudreau; five grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Sally Kooistra '65 Ransford of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, died on Jan. 10, 2017. She was 73. She was a real estate agent. Survivors include her husband of 51 years, Paul Ransford Jr. '65; children, Kristin Ransford '91 (Hans '89) Hiemstra, Becca (Lee) Champion and Julie (Aaron) Leon; six grandchildren; and sister, Sandy Kooistra '61.

Linda VerMeer '65 Van Dam of Portland, Oregon, died on Sunday, Dec. 4, 2016. She was 73. She taught first and third graders at Brookside School. Survivors include her husband, Edwin Van Dam '63; daughters, Elizabeth and Jane (Russell) Howison; two grandchildren; sister, Barbara VerMeer '62 (John) Myaard; and in-laws, Sandra Anderson, Robert (Nancy) Van Dam, Clark (Rose) Van Dam, Timothy Van Dam and Ronald Wagner.

Phyllis Baker '66 Sharpe of Ocala, Florida, died on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016. She was 72. She was a concert-grade pianist. Survivors include her sons, Charles (Laurel) DeWild and Richard (Wendy) Sharpe; five grandchildren; and siblings, Joan (Ben James) Baker '63, Cathy (Bryan) Bouws, Steve (Sue) Baker '73 and Christine (Bruce) DeJonge.

Lawrence Cain '67 of Sarasota, Florida, died on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016. He was 72. His career was in marketing for major companies and he was a consultant to a technology company. Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Laura Manasek '67 Cain; daughter, Kelly (John) Gray; sons, Jason (Sarah Wells) Cain and Adam Cain; two grandchildren; and brother, Randy (Linda Dalton '72) Cain '72.

Ann Christensen '67 Olendorf of Fennville, Michigan, died on Nov. 20, 2016. She was 72. She was an avid sailor. Survivors include her husband, Donald Olendorf; brother, Chuck

Olendorf; mother-in-law, Mary Olendorf; daughters, Krista (Chris) Willertz and Sonja (Jamie) Skerbeck; son, Eric (Megan) Olendorf; and 10 grandchildren.

Thomas Working '69 of Zeeland, Michigan, died on Friday, Jan. 13, 2017. He was 69. He taught in the Byron Center Public Schools for 37 years and taught music part-time at Grand Valley State University and Hope College for 20 years. He was the director of the Holland American Legion Band for 10 years. Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Julie Kooiman '70 Working; children, Jon (Michelle) Working, Carrie Working, Chris Working '02 and Deb Working '05; sister, Joyce Working; and in-laws, Dave (Jody) Vanderwel, Sue (Don) Plantinga, Jill Kooiman and Steve Bushouse, Cathie Fredricksen, Luanne (David) Kauer, Mary (Jim) Keating and John (Barbara) Kooiman.

Rose Bursey '72 Guthrie of Boone, North Carolina, died on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016. She was 69. Survivors include a brother, Charles Bursey.

Norman Hamm '74 of Schenectady, New York, died on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2016. He was 64. He pastored several churches in New York and New Jersey. Survivors include his wife, Gracia Hamm; sons, William (Rebecca) Hamm '03, Andrew Hamm, David (Crystal) Hamm and Peter (Heather) Hamm; brother, John Hamm; and nine grandchildren.

Loren Kleis '77 of Holland, Michigan, died on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016. He was 61. He retired from Gemmen's Hardware. Survivors include several cousins.

Robin Berens '82 of Holland, Michigan, died on Friday, Oct. 7, 2016. She was 56. She worked for USF Holland. Survivors include her sisters, Sandy (Jason) Wolters, Soni VanDam and Kerri (Tom) Gebben.

Kristine Berndt '83 Heeren of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, died on Friday, Jan. 13, 2017. She was 54. She was on the ministry staff at Good News Church. Survivors include her husband, Clayton Heeren; children, Chelsea (Michael) Redinger, Micah (Anna Bartscher) Heeren and Savannah Heeren; one granddaughter; and siblings, Jeff Berndt and Julie Berndt.

Nancy Sward '89 D'Angelo of Naperville, Illinois, died on Monday, Oct. 24, 2016. She was 48. She worked for LPE Clay studio and was a caseworker for Midwest Adoption Center. Survivors include children, John and Isabel

D'Angelo; parents, John (Mary) Sward; siblings, Karen (Kenneth) Skillender, David (Zeba) Sward, Diane Sward and Joseph Sward; and former spouse, Scott D'Angelo.

Kerri Rutgers '92 DenBleyker of Hamilton, Michigan, died on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016. She was 50. She was a stay-at-home mom and a school volunteer. Survivors include her husband, Richard DenBleyker; son, Kegan DenBleyker; daughters, Anya and Emma DenBleyker; mother, Carol Rutgers; and parents-in-law, Robert (Carol) DenBleyker.

Robert Starr '92 of Romeo, Michigan, died on Friday, Nov. 11, 2016. He was 46. He was a talented artist and graphic designer. Survivors include his parents, Don (Kathleen) Edwards; his sons, Robert Noah and Kieran Michael; siblings, Lisa Schirmer, Alycia (Robert Krantz) Starr, Amy Starr (Stephen) Dressler, Bryan Edwards and Donnie (Chasity) Edwards and Heather Starr; and grandmother, Eileen Martin.

Sara Kauffman '05 Pappenheimer of Holland, Michigan, died on Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016. She was 34. She worked at JP's Coffee & Espresso Bar for many years. Survivors include her sons, Ivan and Alexander Pappenheimer; parents, Kenneth (Patricia) Kauffman; siblings, Bryan, Erica and Jon-Paul; and grandmother, Maggie Barrix.

Sympathy to

The family of **Donald Cronkite** of Holland, Michigan, who died on Wednesday, March 15, 2017. He was 72.

He was a member of the biology faculty from 1978 until retiring as professor emeritus in 2010. He was acclaimed both on campus and nationally for his excellence as a teacher, earning recognition ranging from co-receiving the Hope Outstanding Professor Educator (H.O.P.E.) Award in 1988 to the Honorary Membership Award from the National Association of Biology Teachers, the group's highest honor, in 2008. He delivered the college's Commencement address in 1988.

He is survived by his wife, Jane; son Ethan '00, daughter-in-law Amy, and grandchildren Ramona and Henry; and daughter Emily '04, son-in-law Michael Coronado and grandchild Lucy.

A more extensive article and a faculty profile in the February 1989 issue are available online: hope.edu/cronkite



It was with tremendous sadness that the campus community learned on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, of the death of first-year student **Ruth Upadhyaya** of Hoffman Estates, Illinois.

Campus Safety and Residence Life staff arrived at her residence hall room to perform a wellness check that afternoon and found her deceased. The police investigated and found no evidence of foul play.

During the evening of Wednesday, March 8, students, faculty and staff gathered in Dimnent Memorial Chapel to gather, grieve and pray. Hope also observed a moment of silence on Friday, March 10, during the men's basketball tournament held at the DeVos Fieldhouse and Dance Marathon.

As President John C. Knapp shared when he notified the campus community of the loss, "The life of every student is precious to us, as each one is in the eyes of God. We are deeply pained for Ruth's family as they experience the shock and heartbreak of losing their loved one. May we rely on the words of Matthew 5:4, 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.' Let us also be a source of comfort to one another and take extra care in the coming days to share kindness, concern and compassion."

Survivors include her father, Raj; mother, Jill (née Sampe); sister, Julie; and grandparents, Fred Sampe and Jane Sampe.



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BRAIN DAY

A young visitor to campus makes ready to use the power of his mind, transmitted via electrodes, to move another person's arm. The experience was among several presented by Hope students, faculty and others on Saturday, March 11, for kindergarteners through 12th graders for National Brain Awareness Week. Did the event help inspire the next generation of scientists? Time will tell.



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